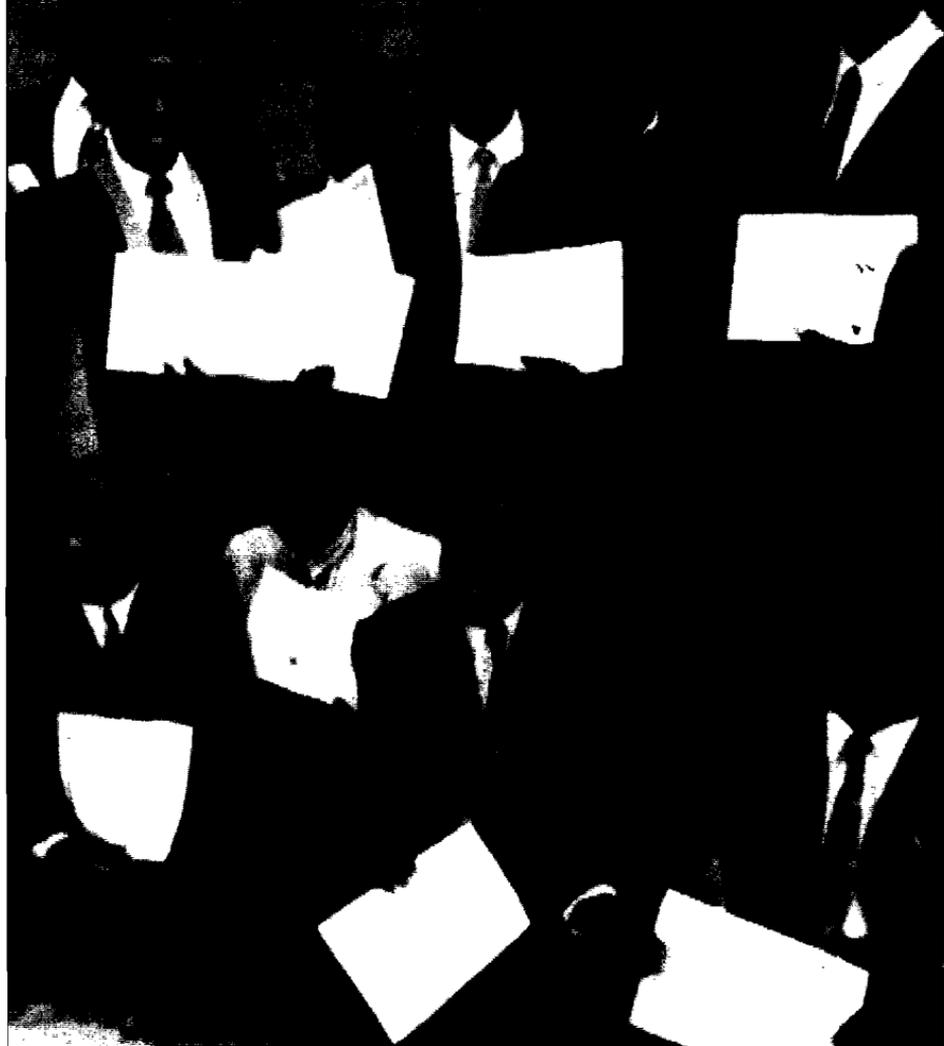


# Progress Report



As graduates of the two year Bible Institute in the capital city of Lusaka, Zambia, these veteran preachers are thoroughly equipped to evangelize, disciple, and start more new churches. Additionally, they will each organize a satellite training center in

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## MINISTRY INFORMATION...

The *Progress Report* is a free, monthly publication of the FINAL FRONTIERS FOUNDATION INC., whose purpose is to effectively take the Gospel to the more than three billion souls, who have never before heard. Currently we are ministering in Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, India, Vietnam, China, Philippines, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, the Ivory Coast, Togo, Liberia, Nigeria, France, Romania, Russia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Venezuela, Chile, Peru and the West Indies. Some of these countries are closed to foreign missionaries, and in others, work among the various tribal groups is restricted to national preachers only, thus they are open to us because of our unique method of missions.

We believe that the training and subsidizing of national preachers is the most efficient and effective method of global evangelism. Thus we seek to raise prayer and financial support from believers in America, for God's servants abroad, who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship.

Selection of those we sponsor is dependent upon their doctrinal beliefs, need and reputation. We support only those who are serving by faith, never those who are waiting for a salary in order to serve. Worldwide, the average preacher in a third-world country needs as little as \$35.00 each month to support his family and ministry.

All those subsidized thru this foundation are involved in church planting. Their various outreach ministries include: Bible translation and distribution, radio and television broadcasting, camps, Bible schools, outdoor and film evangelism, educational and health programs, blind, deaf and leper ministries, orphan and children's ministries, feeding centers and refugee ministries. The foundation also offers assistance in missionary training; and we provide mission trips for American believers who want to examine the ministries of the national preachers.

### Current ministries available for support are:

- Sponsorship of a national or native preacher (\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsorship of a TEAM of preachers in a given country (\$10.00 minimum per month)
- Sponsorship of an orphan through our CHILD CARE subsidiary (\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsorship of our radio evangelism (\$35.00 monthly for free radio distribution)

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## *the Jon Nelms family report*

Dear Reader:

This is the month of my spiritual birthday. By God's mercy and grace, I was born again on April 6, 1961, at the age of five. Obviously at that age, I was not guilty of the sins and offences against God that would spoil my future years, but I was nonetheless, lost and without hope, until I realized my condition and accepted Christ.

In most of the world today, that message of forgiveness by our Creator and His Father is not known. It is our generation's responsibility to cover the world with the Good News of Christ's salvation. It is to each of us that the obligation and privilege of winning the world's lost has been entrusted. The questions we are faced with are, "Have I done all that I can do?" and "Can I do more?"

Well, none of us have done all we can, but we can all do more. I determined long ago that the best way of "doing more", is to duplicate my efforts through the lives of others. Yes, I could "go" if God called me, but I could "send" even without a specific calling. That is what we as a family chose to do, and now so many others have as well. It is refreshing to know that even while we sleep, the Gospel is being preached to people we will never know, in languages we will never speak, by preaches we support whom we may never meet. And all this for so little funds. In fact, the funding of national church planters is so insignificant, monetarily speaking (\$35.00 monthly), that the "loss" of such funds should not financially inhibit even the most materially minded Believer, in his quest to consume his wealth on earthly desires.

If you have not yet enjoyed the excitement of supporting a national preacher, I hope you will consider doing so, and give us a call. We'll be glad to arrange your sponsorship for you. Currently we have over 600 preachers, already approved, awaiting sponsorship.

Along other lines, you will notice a feature regarding adopting a Chinese orphan on the pages within. After many requests from our readers, I am pleased to be able to refer a fundamentally sound, Christian organization, that can assist those of you desiring a child. On other pages, you will notice that we have added a global news section.

Finally, we are beginning to prepare for our Africa Crusade that will be conducted in July/August, so expect a special letter in the mail later this month. Until then, keep us in your prayers.

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## *Speaker's Schedule*

The following cities will host men representing the ministries of  
**FINAL FRONTIERS**  
 during April and May. For times, dates and locations call:

1-800-522-4324

- Sparta, WI**
- La Crosse, WI**
- Woodville, WI**
- Colfax, IA**
- Des Moines, IA**
- Elmherst, NY**
- Yonkers, NY**
- Kalamazoo, MI**
- Troy, MO**
- St. Roberts, MO**

## *Visionary Trips*

Itineraries are being planned for the following countries. Contact us if you would like to go, but be warned, these are mission trips, not vacations.

### **1997:**

- Jun. Guyana
- Aug. France
- India
- Zambia
- Malawi
- Kenya
- Oct. Russia
- Romania

## *Chinese children available for adoption*

The People's Republic of China is the world's most populous nation with 1.2 billion inhabitants. The Chinese, with traditional religions including Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism, have one of the oldest known civilizations with a written history reaching back over 3,500 years.

Because of China's overpopulation the Chinese government has chosen to address this situation by limiting each family to one child. Chinese culture, as with many others, prefers boys who are given the responsibility to care for their elderly parents and to carry on the family name. As a result, many infant girls are abandoned in China and, if found, are taken to a welfare institute where they become available for adoption after three months of age.

Samuel Fang, born in mainland China, felt led to become involved in doing something to help these orphaned children and founded the Living Hope Adoption Agency. Licensed as a non-profit adoption agency, Living Hope specialized in placement of Chinese orphans. Children can be adopted as young as three months of age up to age 14. The process to adopt an orphan from China takes anywhere from nine months (if the individual has already secured INS and home study approval), up to 15 months. Living Hope provides support and assistance to prospective adopting couples, or single individuals, throughout the entire process. They are eager to place as many of these orphans in loving, Christian homes where a child can be raised with godly values.

If interested in obtaining more information regarding the opportunity to adopt a child from China, contact the Living Hope Adoption Agency. They will be glad to send you a packet of helpful information and answer any questions you may have. Perhaps God is leading you to give a Chinese orphan a future and hope!

**Living Hope Adoption Agency, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 439**  
**Telford, PA 18969**

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**Phone: 215-721-8880**  
**Fax: 215-721-7721**  
**Email: [living-hope@juno.com](mailto:living-hope@juno.com)**

The above is not a paid advertisement, but an effort to help a sister, fundamental organization, whose service is in compliance with requests or inquiries we have received

# A TEAM Report from China

**From:** Our Chinese national coordinator  
(name withheld for security reasons)

**Location:** Beijing and Hong Kong

**What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?**

\$1,126.00

**What were these funds used for?**

read below

**Do you have any special needs we can pray about?**

read below

**Below, please write a short letter of appreciation to your TEAM sponsors.**

Thank God for the China *TEAM* sponsors!

We'll be using part of the funds we received to purchase bicycles for the traveling evangelists. Many of our supported pastors and evangelists in the rural areas travel by foot. Because the amount of responsibility for most of our preachers is so great, they have to leave home for 3 to 6 months at a time, preaching to the churches and traveling from village to village. To help them purchase bicycles will really greatly speed up their traveling time.

Some of the funds we received will go to help the underground printing of "church leader training manuals". We have experienced tremendous difficulty in helping to print the training manuals because of the absence of our national workers, who been arrested simply because they've been involved in helping to handle the underground printing materials. The printing and distribution locations are in different places and between the two locations, there was a government roadblock. The Christians involved in the distribution, had to travel after midnight in order to pass the roadblock inspection. When they reached the government inspection point, it was 2 o'clock in the morning. There were five trucks before them blocking them, and the police were checking everyone. If they had been caught, they would have been facing up to five years in prison. They prayed during the wait and miraculously, their vehicle was not even searched. We praise God for the miracle of His protection of the men and the training materials.

# ZAMBIA

## Preachers organized, advancing and



Christopher Mwanza



by Lewis Nelms:

“Old ruins...”  
These were the words I heard as the train rocked down the tracks from Bulawayo to Harare, Zimbabwe.

*This extension of the Chimwembe Baptist Church will be used as a Bible Training Center for new pastors. The church has exhausted its funds and needs another \$750.00 to complete the project, for which they provide all the labor.*

Having met with a number of preachers in the Bulawayo area, we were making our way to the capital of Zimbabwe to board a flight to the nation of Malawi. (see our February 97 issue) Accompanying me on this accountability trip was Gordon Daam, the Final Frontiers Director of African Expansion, and Christopher Mwanza, our national coordinator for the nation of Zambia and region of Southern Africa. Riding with us in our train compartment was a Zimbabwean man traveling to the capital to seek employment.

Having battled dysentery for several days, most of my attention was focused on my own physical problems, but Christopher, more in tune to the divine opportunity which God had provided, began the conversation with this Zimbabwean man. “What’s your name?” he asked. When the man responded to his question, Christopher asked, “What does that mean?” “Old ruins,” was the gentleman’s reply.

As the train continued to its destination, Christopher spoke of religion and its insufficiency, the sinful nature of mankind and the need for spiritual deliverance through the Lord Jesus Christ. Upon entering the train station at Harare, this Zimbabwean man, with his head bowed

in prayer, was calling out to Jesus for salvation. Once address information was exchanged for future correspondence and discipleship, the man thanked Christopher and went his way. As I watched, I thought of the transformation that had taken place. When he had boarded the train, this man's life was characterized by "old ruins," but as he left the train, he departed a "new creation" in Christ Jesus!

The meaning of this man's name, "old ruins", is descriptive of the work that Satan has accomplished in the lives of many people in



*Lewis Nelms teaches a doctrines class and provides lesson materials to these pastors, who will return to their own churches to teach their people. Such materials are virtually unknown to these poor preachers.*

Zambia, where Christopher Mwanza serves. Poverty and unemployment are constant burdens for many. With an estimated 22% of the urban population carrying the HIV virus, AIDS has reached a catastrophic level. Spiritually, the needs are just as overwhelming! Nearly one out of every four Zambians practice African traditional religions and one out of every six are

involved with some type of marginal group, such as Jehovah's Witnesses. Currently, there are over 1,800 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses with a membership 33% larger than all the Baptist congregations combined!

But as desperate as these circumstances are, there is still much over which we can rejoice. Zambia's current president is a Christian man. His first official act was to declare unilaterally that Zambia is a Christian country. At the time of his inauguration, he prayed a prayer of national repentance, renouncing the sins of idolatry, witchcraft, occultism, injustice and corruption, asking the forgiveness of God through the blood of Jesus. During the last ten years, the number of people responding to the gospel message has been phenomenal. Protestant Christians have grown from 700,000 to 1,870,000 and are currently increasing at over 10% per year.

With all this growth comes a need for increased organization. To help accomplish this, Christopher Mwanza heads up the operations

of Final Frontiers in establishing regional outposts where the Zambian preachers can gain information and assistance in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. Christopher, though Roman Catholic by birth, attended a nationwide Baptist Crusade in 1967, where he accepted Christ as his Savior. At the time of his conversion, he began to pray, "Lord, help me to know You!" This has been his fervent prayer for the last thirty years.

Upon conversion, Christopher began attending the Matero Baptist Church, the first Baptist church ever established in the capital



*This is just one of many regional, graduating classes of veteran preachers, who are "fired up and excited" about their ministries in Zambia.*

city of Lusaka. Though he had some trouble with stuttering, he began to lead the congregational singing. Wanting to learn more, he asked a deacon in the church to disciple him. With the little knowledge that he had at that time and a burning desire to share his faith, Christopher began witnessing to his neighbors. After learning more of the Bible, he started

teaching a youth class (ages 9 - 16). Longing to tell others about Christ, Christopher joined the "Every Home For Christ" Crusade and continued in this ministry for the next eleven years. But, the more he learned, the more questions he seemed to have. He continued to pray, "Lord, help me to know You!"

At the age of 27, Christopher became a deacon at Matero Baptist Church. At that time, the church was without a pastor and had dropped in attendance to about 25 people. Christopher began to fill the pulpit and lead in visitation. Within two years, the church had grown to over 250 members. Feeling the need for more knowledge, Christopher enrolled in seminary. It was there that one of his teachers gave him the name "Christopher", because he represented Christ so well.

In 1982 while still in seminary, Christopher started the Lilanda Baptist Church. (This church presently has a membership of over 300 and has started two other churches.) He was also part of a team that established twelve churches on the east side of Lusaka. After seminary, he began helping these churches and establishing others. Out of a desire to disciple others the way he had been discipled, Christopher

began building Bible training centers throughout Zambia. Currently, twenty groups have been organized, with an enrollment of over 300 students. Upon completion of their two year course, each graduate leaves with the goal of establishing not only new churches, but also another Bible training center.

Christopher has served as the Chairman of the Lusaka District of the Baptist Convention for six years, General Secretary of the Zambia Baptist Convention for one year and Chairman of the Zambia



*Those attending the afternoon meeting which was held at the Chimwembe Baptist Church. Their pastor, Rev. Mbewe also pastors five other churches.*

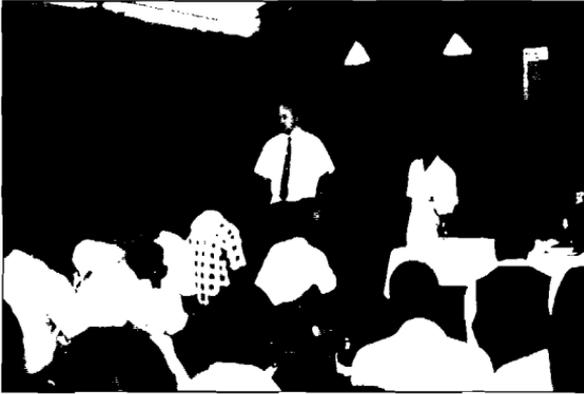
he is currently establishing a Southern Africa regional office for our foundation, which will allow him to duplicate his ministry into the other English speaking nations in the southern region of the continent.

His lifetime prayer, "Lord, help me to know You!" is repeated by scores of other worthy national preachers throughout Zambia. On our first night in Zambia, we had traveled 360 kilometers from Lusaka to the Petauke District, where John Tembo is our regional director. We arrived late in the night, only to be greeted by nearly three dozen preachers. Most of the men had walked over thirty kilometers and some had walked as far as fifty kilometers to be able to participate in this one day event. That night, as we slept in a soft bed under the protection of a mosquito net, they simply slept on the hard ground unprotected from the insects and the weather. At the meeting the next day, they listened earnestly as we discussed the procedures, policies and objectives of Final Frontiers. Following this, various Bible topics, such as the proofs of the inspiration of the Scriptures, the Deity of Jesus Christ and ministry "burnout" were discussed. The apathy and indifference sometimes witnessed here in the United States were certainly absent at

Baptist Convention for four years. Since 1995, he has served as the President of the Zambia Baptist Convention. All of these positions have been by the vote of the Baptist pastors of his nation, for whom he labors so tirelessly. Today, he has resigned these posts in order to serve as the Final Frontiers National Coordinator for Zambia. In addition,

this meeting. As the meeting concluded, we watched as these preachers set out on the long walk back to their homes. We wondered how long it would take and what difficulties they might encounter. But one thing we knew, the truths which we had shared would be transferred to a host of congregations all over Petauke.

The next day we continued another 180 kilometers to meet Davis Daka, our regional coordinator for the Chipata District. As we arrived at the church, we were met by close to fifty preachers. They too



*Gordon Daam tells the preachers in the district of Petauke that the "Heart" of Final Frontiers is to help the national preachers to more effectively reach their own people for Christ.*

had traveled far to arrive at this one day meeting. The average preacher had traveled well over fifty kilometers, and some as far as 150 kilometers, mostly on foot or bicycle. Typical of what we witnessed among all the preachers, was a humble desire to learn and a burning desire to reach their own people for Christ.

As Gordon Daam would speak to the various pastor's meetings, he would explain to them what he referred to as "the heart of our foundation". Our heart, he stated, is to serve the national preachers. This was such an unusual concept to these preachers, most of whom had never worked along side a foreign missionary. The idea that Believers in America, whom they did not know, cared enough to assist them in winning their people to Christ, was a blessing that words could not express.

Currently, Final Frontiers has found American sponsors for only ten Zambian preachers. Applications have been completed and are being processed for an additional 240 preachers, all of whom have been trained by Christopher and the other leaders, and who have experience in church planting and discipleship. These men are not novices, nor are they waiting for funding in order to serve. To the contrary, they are serving now, and it is for that very reason, that we wish to help multiply and enlarge their ministries by finding sponsors for them. It may be several years before a sponsor can be found for each preacher, but in the mean time, they will continue as



# News of interest from around the world

## ■ Indonesia's unreached

About 300 church leaders in Indonesia participated in a recent missions consultation focusing on unevangelized peoples. The November conference challenged church leaders to "adopt" at least one of the 136 people groups identified as unreached in Indonesia.

## ■ Christian school update

The Association of Christian Schools International reports that the U.S. Department of Defense has decided to allow families with children attending mission schools to be reimbursed by the government. Last spring the department had said that children of defense workers would no longer be reimbursed for attending "parochial schools" when secular private schools were available. But after ACSI's John Holmes wrote to the Department of Defense, the policy was eventually changed.

## ■ Hungary AIDS program

For the past two years, Hungary's government has been using a Christian AIDS prevention program targeting teenagers. The program, entitled "Youth on the Threshold of Life," has a clear presentation of the gospel. Some 1,000 teachers have been trained for the program, and between 20 and 30 percent have indicated new Christian commitments.

## ■ Church persecution

Communism and militant Islam continues to pose the greatest threat to Christians, according to Nina Shea of Freedom House, a human rights group. Shea, author of the book "In the Lion's Den," says 11 countries continue to practice systematic persecution of Christians: China, Pakistan, Laos, North Korea, Vietnam, Cuba,

## Deadly Waters

Human wastes kill many more people than almost any other substance. The World Health Organization says that in the first half of this decade the proportion of people in the poor world having access to a toilet actually dropped from 36 percent to 34 percent. But the big picture shows that sanitation has improved over the last several decades and the death rate of children has also plummeted. In the first half of the 1980s the percentage of people with access to safe drinking water increased from 61 to 75 percent in the developing world.

Below are some of the deadliest disorders acquired through contaminated water

Disease/illness	Number of deaths per year
Diarrhea	3,100,000
Shistosomiasis: parasitic disease caused by flukes	200,000
Trypanosomiasis: parasitic disease spread by tsetse fly	130,000
Intestinal helminth infection: infection of parasitic worms	100,000

Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, and Uzbekistan. Shea said, "Few Americans know that Christians today are the most persecuted religious group in the world, and that persecution is intensifying."

### ■ Zaire mired in corruption

Zaireans continue to survive using a well-worn strategy called "getting by." The country has an inflation rate of 9,000 percent. Citizens survive with their wits by whatever means they can devise. "The situation is taking a turn for the worse", said a human rights activist. "It is the law of the jungle. The country is stateless and for all the corruption, there is complete impunity."

### Death by Malaria

Four decades ago scientists believed that malaria could be eradicated. But after environmental concerns caused a reduction in use of DDT and other pesticides, the mosquito-borne disease has made a dramatic comeback. "As a single disease, malaria has a bigger impact on the world than anything you can think of," said Dr. Nareem Ebebehani, who is director of the Tropical Diseases Division at the World Health Organization. "And it's spreading." Some 300 million to 500 million people contract malaria yearly, and the disease kills someone every 15 seconds - usually a child or pregnant woman. In the last 10 years malaria has killed roughly 10 times as many children as has war. Last year between 1 million and 3 million people died of malaria.

### ■ Iran welcomes tourists

Iran, facing 20 percent joblessness and a groaning economy, has thrown open its doors to tourists. The government has announced that it will grant visas within 24 hours to foreigners. The *New York Times* reports that even Americans will be able to get a visa within two weeks.

### ■ Islamic banking

The multibillion-dollar Islamic banking trend continues to spread across the Muslim world. Islamic banks ban interest payments, which the Quran says are exploitive.

### ■ Guatemala begins peace

During its 36-year civil war, Guatemala saw 100,000 of its people

killed and another 40,000 disappear. About a million were made refugees, but with the December signing of a peace plan, Guatemalans are beginning to rebuild their lives.

### ■ Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools

Dr. Daniel Burrell, secretary of the Executive Board of Directors of the Final Frontiers Foundation, and senior pastor of the Berean Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, FL, has been appointed as President of

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## Let's Get Acquainted

The purpose of this feature is to introduce our readers to approved preachers who are not yet sponsored. It is our hope that their testimonies will verify their worthiness and need, and will lead to prayer and support on their behalf.

**Preacher's Name:**

Mallipudi Subba Rao

**Wife's Name:**

Kantham

**Number of Children:**

4

**Country:**

India

**Testimony**

I am from a holy city where people come to worship the gods and goddesses by giving their hair to them. One day I was passing by a Christian meeting and heard the people speaking about Jesus. They said that God wanted to save me and appoint me as a preacher. I told them that I could not be a Christian because my father would punish me. Yet I went back again and followed those that were going to be baptized. At the river, I put my trust in Jesus and was baptized.

My father searched for me and brought me back home. He scolded me and beat me and kicked me. He tied me with ropes and put me in a room and did not give me food for three days. As my parents tortured me, I grew stronger in my faith.

One night some friends gave me some money so I ran away and went to the pastor. He began to train me for the ministry and provided for my needs. Since that day I have separated myself for the Lord's service. I have started two churches and have trained men for the ministry in both.

Now I serve as a pastor and evangelist among poor and heathen people. We have had more than 180 converts and 75% of them have received baptism. Because of their poverty they are only able to offer me about \$5.00 each month. That is not enough, even though we live in a mud house with palm branches for a roof.



**Preacher's Name:**

Le Khac H.

**Wife's Name:**

Thi Nhan

**Number of Children:**

5

**Country:**

Vietnam

**Testimony:**

I was born in a Christian family. Both parents are Christian before they gave birth to me, but they are weak in faith. My mother gave birth to five daughters previously and she very sad because she did not have a son. My mother carry me and she pray to the Lord, if God give her a son, she will give that son to the Lord to serve Him. My mother was overjoyed to keep her promise when I was born.

I received Christ at the age of 15. From that time I began to love the Lord and I was willing to be involved in many activities of our church. When I was 20 years old, I studied the Bible and went out to serve the Lord until now.

My work in Vietnam is with the Vietnamese and the Roylai Tribal people. I give all my time to serve the Lord. I teach God's Word and visit the Christians. I have helped to train 15 men to become evangelists in their own areas. For the past years of serving Christ, I have led 205 people to our Savior and helped to build 3 churches. To spread the Gospel in our area is very difficult.

We live in a house that belongs to the church. There is no land to grow food so we have to buy everything. We have only rice, fishes, vegetables and fish sauce. We rarely have meat because we cannot afford it. If you have the loving heart to help us to have a living to serve the Lord, we will appreciate it very much.

# From the mailbox



**From:** Samuel Nil Aryee Ankrah  
**Sponsored by:** Jerry Buckman

Thank you deeply for joining us at Jesus feet to reach the lost. I am grateful that American Christians care about those around the world. We are telling many Liberians about Jesus for the first time with the support you give. Otherwise I would have to work all day to feed my family. Now my sons will grow watching me spend my life sharing Jesus not just working for food. Please pray for peace in Liberia and my family's health.



**Last trimester:**

villages evangelized - 2

churches started - 0

people saved - 60

converts baptized - 20

**Note:**

*Liberia, a nation established in Western Africa by former slaves in the United States, has a government and constitution almost exactly like ours. In the past several years they have been undergoing a bloody civil war. Most mission compounds have been destroyed and hardly a single foreign missionary remains. In spite of constant danger and threats on their lives, the Liberian national preachers continue to*



**From:** Rasananda Nayak  
**Sponsored by:** Rebekah Vincent

After a long time I am writing to you. Please forgive me. I have received your support in time and thank you for this. Sometimes I think how our Lord is so great and wonderful. I am far away from you but yet you love me and support me though I am not known to you, nor you have seen me. It is because of His great love and through His blood.

I am going through severe persecution. Even I have been given threatening to kill me for the sake of the Gospel. I was bound to leave that place.

In last June 4, the Lord gave me a baby girl and took her again. My wife has broken down and is dry. Pray for my work that I may be able to stand in the persecution. Pray for my wife. We love you and pray for you. My wife sends her greetings to you. Pray for these four new Believers.



**Last trimester:**

villages evangelized - 1

churches started - 2

people saved - 4

converts baptized - 4



**From:** P. Raja Ratnam  
**Sponsored by:** Paul Reynen



**Last trimester:**

villages  
 evangelized - 2

churches  
 started - 1

people saved - 16

converts  
 baptized - 16

Thank you very much for your help. Recently I had a wonderful experience when I had been to a grocery store to buy some commodities. In India, our system is different. If we want to buy like sugar, wheat, etc., they used to weigh it and pack them in an old newspaper and deliver to us. We don't have air-conditioned showrooms; everything is open.

I got some packets and came to my house. After coming to our home, I noticed that the paper in which the contents are packed was a sheet of some English Bible. I was amazed and surprised. In the evening, I went to the store and asked the owner of the store where they got the Bible sheets. He took me to a room and showed a big bundle of English Holy Bibles. He told that they got those Bibles from some one at a free cost. I requested him to give them to me. They obliged and handed over all of them to me.

On the next day, I got an invitation from the University people to attend the convocation. Praise God, I took all the English Bibles and presented them to everyone who received Degrees. In this way, God used me as His representative to present Bibles to all

Dear Jon,

*Our "group" of 5 couples have supported Thomas Alute for the part year, almost. We were together yesterday for the Superbowl and I shared your 12/8 annual letter as well as Thomas' 10-29-96 letter. As a group we agreed that your mission is the most productive and wise ministry we are involved in, and want you to know how encouraged we are by your methodology, accountability, and feedback.*

*We of little faith and far less action, find it embarrassing to read that Thomas has lead 300 people to faith in Christ and has baptized 75 new converts in the part four months... (while) we sit in our beautiful sanctuaries feeling smug and satisfied with our "serve ourselves" ministries. Its missions like yours that are simple, straightforward, efficient, cost effective, and produce results that encourage us. We are a group want to do more for Thomas by increasing his support and extra \$10,000 monthly....*

Verne Cary

Verne Cary, Luttf and Associates

## Welcome New Sponsors

The following began sponsorship since last month's report.  
For information regarding sponsorship refer to the "Now it's your turn"  
voucher attached to the enclosed envelope.

- Dick and Nana Moldenhauer** in Grand Blanc, MI  
sponsored Luis Francisco Ramirez in Mexico
- Rose Park Baptist Church** in Holland, MI  
sponsored Joseph P.J. in India
- Toby and Penny Wright** in Quincy, MI  
sponsored Hoang Van Duong in Vietnam
- Rex Brown** in Allen, MI  
sponsored Jerry B. Barlinger, Sr. in Liberia (double sponsorship)
- James and Pennie Starr** in Coldwater, MI  
sponsored Vanna Chum in Cambodia (double sponsorship)
- Dennis and Frances Jackson** in Allen, MI  
sponsored Chakradhara Rao Gudi (a *Child Care* orphan) in India
- Laurel Camerson** in Quincy, MI  
sponsored *TEAM* China
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wiedell** in Crosby, MN  
sponsored Gnonsoa Emile Konan in the Ivory Coast
- Don and Deanna Stearns** in Welch, MN  
sponsored Seinsar Jaseng in Thailand
- David and Annette Von Wald** in Hastings, MN  
sponsored Le Van Vinh in Vietnam
- Thomas and Virginia Smith** in Eden Prairie, MN  
sponsored *TEAM* Mexico
- Jeff and Venetta Davis** in Colbert, GA  
sponsored Lawson Kwasi Doe in Ghana
- Herbert Paynter** in Lawrenceville, GA  
sponsored George Opiyo Pile in Kenya
- Rebecca Palmberg** in Sioux Falls, SD  
sponsored Totty Prosper Koudou in the Ivory Coast
- Raina Lee** in Greenville, SC  
sponsored Eugenio G. Bacoli in the Philippines
- Robert and Janice Salsbury** in Bryan, OH  
sponsored Booker Piken Kapalamula Banda in Malawi
- James Goodwin** in Atoka, TN  
sponsored Daniel Emron in Kenya
- Roger and Gladys Kapp** in Madison, AL  
sponsored Kossi Pouwessima in Togo

**Robert and Lynda Barrett** in Birmingham, AL  
sponsored Mathew Wawire Wafula in Kenya (double sponsorship)  
**Jean Francis** in Pittsford, NY  
sponsored Phan Van Hoan in Vietnam  
**Valley Bible Community Church** in Simi Valley, CA  
sponsored Alejandro N. Gomez Gonzalez in Guatemala  
and Lazaro Vasquez Lopez in Guatemala (double sponsorship)  
and Millier Petro Phiri in Zambia  
**Gary and Patricia Van Pay** in Green Bay, WI  
sponsored Michael Lambert in Grenada  
and Franas Kwame Arhin in Ghana  
**Darrell and Sandra Grubbs** in Townsend, DE  
sponsored Dao Quang Long in Vietnam  
**Lee and Karin Parsons** in Smyrna, DE  
sponsored Santiago Sequeira Rocha in Nicaragua  
Clifton and Beverly Seitz in Middletown, DE  
sponsored Brother Zhao #21 in China  
**Mark and Susan Wood** in Townsend, DE  
sponsored A-Cha Mueng-Lare in Thailand  
**Donald, Bertha and Kristina Zern** in Townsend, DE  
sponsored Sao Houn in Cambodia  
**James and Pamel Eaches** in Japan  
sponsored Guillermo Acuna Tercero in Nicaragua

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## **Visionary Partner Sponsorships:**

A *Visionary Partner* is a church that gives support to the Final Frontiers home office in the amount of \$50.00 monthly and gives support for a *TEAM* project at \$10.00 monthly. For information and benefits of enrolling, pastors should contact Lewis Nelms at 800-274-8458.

**Garden City Baptist Church** - Martinez, GA - *TEAM* Zambia  
**Cottondale Baptist Church** - Cottondale, AL - *TEAM* Zambia  
**Boone Baptist Church** - Boone, NC - *TEAM* India  
**Concord Baptist Church** - Wilmington, DE  
**Blessed Hope Baptist Church** - Liverpool, PA - *TEAM* Zambia  
**Calvary Chapel Church** - Staten Island, NY - *TEAM* Zambia  
**Living Word Community Church** - Jewell, IA

# Reports from the Final Frontiers

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

79 Churches Started  
185 Villages Evangelized  
2,002 Professions of Faith  
301 Believers Baptized

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

7,248 Churches Started  
28,656 Villages Evangelized  
255,322 Professions of Faith  
73,168 Believers Baptized

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

798 Preachers Supported  
1,038 Preacher Sponsorships  
68 *TEAM* Sponsorships  
35 Orphans Supported

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# Sponsorship Information

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

Sponsorship is \$35.00 monthly, however, since we get each preacher two sponsors, you have the opportunity of providing double sponsorship (\$70.00 monthly) if you prefer. This of course, is not required.

As a sponsor you will 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

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

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

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

All orphanages assisted by Final Frontiers are administered by pastors who are supported through this foundation, and are operated as a ministry of a local church.

Trimesterly correspondence is encouraged between the orphans and their sponsors.

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Sponsorship of the **home office** is for any amount you prefer and will be greatly appreciated, no matter how small the gift.