

Progress Report



Gordon Daam (preaching in Zambia in the above photo) gives a report on the growing churches of Guyana, South America.

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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.

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- Sponsorship of a TEAM of preachers in a given country (\$10.00 minimum per month)
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the Jon Nelms family report

Dear Reader:

Each month as I compile the *Progress Report*, I am amazed at the listings on pages 18-19. This month was no exception, in that we once again, had more sponsors than we had room to list. When all the space was taken, there were an additional five families that had joined our Society, and twenty-five churches and families that had taken on the support of a national preacher or *TEAM*. Even our Visionary Partner program had 2 new churches enrolled that we did not have enough space to list (until next month). We are of course grateful to each of you and to the Lord for your generosity and partnership with us in this grand Commission. We are pleased that though our methods are now well established and proven, they are not the only way of reaching the lost. We want to encourage all of you to pray for the traditional missionaries who are making valiant efforts to minister cross-culturally in foreign lands. It is our privilege from time to time, at their requests, to put such men in contact with the national preachers whom we subsidize, and to watch them be blessed and their ministries flourish as they partner with the national preachers in the lands where they serve.

The Scripture tells us that "one will chase a thousand, but two will chase ten thousand". It is well past time for the foreign and national preachers to work together in the common cause that Christ gave us, just as it is time for us to support the national preacher as we have supported his foreign predecessor. Such a collaboration, when not abused, and when all proper accountability procedures are in place, can only accelerate the ministry and strengthen the local church. It is our job, here at Final Frontiers, to help the believers in this country make contact with deserving, needy and qualified national preachers in other lands; to provide an opportunity for you to partner with them in reaching their nation, and at the same time, to hold them properly accountable to you, for your generous gifts and assistance.

We appreciate those of you who understand our burden, which drives all of our fund-raising efforts, and who have chosen to share this burden with us. Because of you, we are seeing a new church start every six hours and have witnessed the salvation of more than 250,000 souls! These are tremendous statistics that are 100% verifiable by the reports sent to us from the preachers you are supporting through this foundation. Each trimester, as we

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Speaker's Schedule

The following cities will host men representing the ministries of **FINAL FRONTIERS** during August and September. For times, dates and locations call: **1-800-522-4324**

St. Louis, MO

Please pray for our various Final Frontiers representatives who will be traveling overseas during August and September, and for our new representative's training class at our main office in Louisville, GA on August 29 -31.

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:

- Aug. Malawi
- Sep. India
- Oct. Russia
Romania
- Nov. Kenya
Ghana

1998:

- Jan. Panama
Nicaragua
Honduras
Guatemala

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send out the support checks, we also send out report forms for every preacher to fill out and return for his sponsor(s). As those reports trickle back in, we compile them statistically, and present them in each issue of the *Progress Report* on the back page. This has been our practice since our beginning ten years ago.

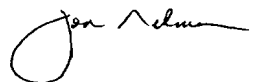
One number that has not grown as we would like however, is the number of preachers we are supporting. Frankly, when I began this ministry, I had a secret hope that in thirty years (at the age of 60) we would be supporting 100 preachers. In the early years, it looked like it would take that long, but over time, the Lord gave us wisdom to know how to involve more of you as sponsors.

Last year we had a major setback when some well-meaning missionaries, who will remain unnamed, (with little success in their own ministries, and who are opposed to the support of national preachers), set out on a mission to destroy our work. Their smear campaign even reached the internet, though it was targeted to a number of churches where they knew I had spoken. We were accused of heresy, and of modernism in our doctrine, which of course is not true. I was even acclaimed to be a willing tool of Satan and to be responsible for single-handedly destroying the modern day missions movement. With the nature of man being as it is, many accepted their evil reports without even confronting us about our beliefs. The end result was, though we grew that year by nearly 250 new sponsorships, because of the sponsorships that were dropped, we had a year long, net growth of only eleven preachers. How tragic for the cause of Christ!

We have now rebounded from that issue and our representatives are doing a great job getting more preaches supported. Additionally, I am happy to announce that we have six new men joining our representative force, one of whom will specialize on our *Child Care* program. We are having a training class later this month (August 29-31). If any others of you have an interest in working with us, either full or part time, we invite you to come and attend the classes. Furthermore, if any of you who have similar ministries would like to attend for the purpose of learning how we do what we do, we eagerly invite you to attend as well. The training classes are free of charge.

I look forward to the days and years ahead, if the Lord tarries His return. I know that we will be useful in bringing millions to a saving knowledge of Christ, millions who at this moment have never even heard his name. Thank you for your part in making it all possible.

Yours for souls,



A TEAM Report from Thailand

From: Kiatisak Siripanadorn
Location: Bangkok, Thailand

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?

\$601.15

What were these funds used for?

- a - (\$90.00) helping evangelists buy motorcycle (those who lack some among for down payment)
 - b - (\$144.00) help evangelists who are waiting for support (Akoo, Ajer, Arom)
 - c - (\$50.00) buy medicine for 29 evangelists to bring to villages
 - d - (\$200.00) help buy a roof for a temporary hostel at Chiangrai because of damage as an old building.
 - e - (\$80.00) helping my travelling some amount
 - f - (\$80.00) buy food for evangelists for those who lack of food
- + _____
\$644.00 (the balance came from Kiatisak's funds)

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

help with funds for another van for ministry use

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

I am so much sorry for my delay in giving you my report for about the work among the Thai Buddhists and Akha and Lahu tribes. Since the works are growing it make me more busy too. Thank you very much for your faithful in the ministry together in Thailand and support the work and your prayers are so much to us in our daily ministry. Since December I have been travelling quite often follow up new 8 churches and the Lord have been saved over 30-40 of them. One of our problem is transportation travelling on the mountain then I decided to sent my pick up van as I am using at Bangkok send to Chiangrai. **(Note: He gave his own van free of charge.)** We are praising the Lord for this is very useful (for the evangelists to) go from one church to another as we can reach more areas and more people. Pray with me as my need a van for Bangkok. It costs \$24,000.00 but I have a need for only \$16,000.00.

(Note: In third world nations vehicles are more costly due to import taxes that are often 100% of the cost of the vehicle.)

The “White Field” of Kwakwani

One example of reaching a town for Christ

By Gordon Daam
Final Frontiers
 Director of African
 Expansion



The church planting team, toting heavy backpacks of Bibles to be given out at the primary school.

Traveling to Guyana, South America, over the past few years has changed my life. Not this past trip, my fifth, which was made in June of 1997, but the first three trips. It was

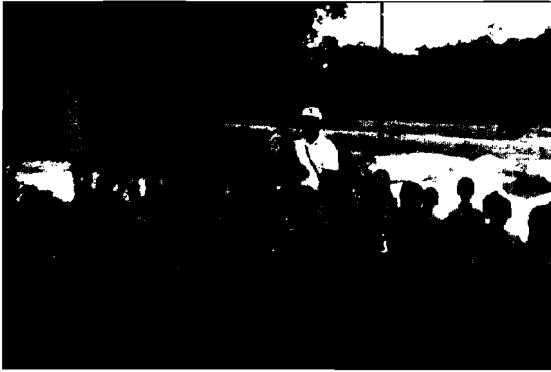
in those journeys that my eyes were gradually opened to the advantages of equipping national saints for the work of the ministry.

My experience started in South America, some time after my wife and I had returned to the States, after serving as missionaries in the southern Africa nation of Zambia. I traveled to Guyana to visit the work of missionary friends of mine, Andy and Kathleen Girwarnauth. Andy was a Guyanese who had received Christ after immigrating to the USA, and who had a growing burden to reach his own people for Christ.

On the first trip I heard Andy tell of his determination to incorporate his fellow nationals into ministry leadership. On my second trip God gave me a special interest in the nationals who were receiving Christ and assisting the Girwarnauth's in their work. These were the first fruits of Andy's ministry, the very ones that he had shared with me the burden to reach, teach and place into visible ministry leadership. When I returned for my third time, I began to feel the Lord leading me to do whatever I could do, personally, to assist the national workers in developing countries. I had already learned of Final Frontiers and other similar ministries, and therefore began to make inquiries with these as to a possibility of full time service.

Between my third and fourth trip I resigned my pastorate and joined the staff of Final Frontiers. Because of my past experience and

ministry in Africa, and the fact that my wife and I share a heavy burden for that continent, we concentrate much of our efforts on getting the African preachers sponsored, but not to the exclusion of helping qualified and needy church planters elsewhere in the world. That was in fact one of the main reasons we chose to work with Final Frontiers: Many similar ministries focus on one area of the world, or one people group. That is how the Lord has led them; but at Final Frontiers, we have the opportunity to help discover, qualify and raise support for preachers around the world. Yet, no matter where I may go, Guyana



Gordon Daam with his "new friends" at the primary school in Kwakwani.

has a special place in my heart, and I will want to do whatever I can do, to assist them there. For me, that is where it all began.

The work which started in Guyana in 1988 is now called the *Association of Bible Churches in Guyana* (ABC) and now has eight churches with four more "missions", or "white fields" as

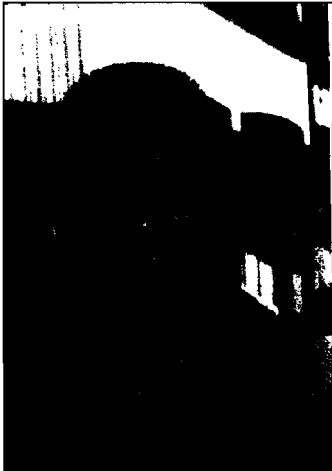
they are often called in Latin America. In only nine short years, the believers in this group have produced eight autonomous bodies, and are developing four more that they have begun on their own. To me, that's incredible. Four years ago I was present at the opening of their Bible school and taught a handful of preachers in their very first class. It was now time to graduate those men and I was invited back to be their last guest lecturer.. These six men were graduated on July 5 of this year.

The first goal accomplished, I set out to compete the second purpose for my trip, which was to accompany the national pastors and a fellow missionary in an effort of scouting out a new area for a church planting effort. Currently, all eight churches in the ABC are in the same general area along the coast. The town of Kwakwani is inland. It is a mining town about 180 miles up the Berbice River. It is hilly instead of flat, wooded instead of fields, and there is no cool ocean breeze.

Kwakwani is a mining town that has attracted workers from all over the country. It seems that no one is born in Kwakwani. Everyone has left family and friends in the pursuit of a job. There is loneliness everywhere you look, but this optimizes the opportunities to preach the

Gospel. On the coast, from which most of these people come, the Hindu and Moslem religions form a tight social fabric that is highly visible, but in Kwakwani there are no mosques or temples. The very thought of evangelizing there excites me, because it shows another healthy step of maturity being taken by the national churches to reach out beyond their own "Jerusalem", and to venture deep into their own "Samaria".

On June 17 there were five of us who started out for Kwakwani. Myself, Todd McAllister, a missionary from Pennsylvania and his eight year old son Danny. There was also Ravi, a twenty-one year old who is soon to graduate from the Pastoral Training School. Currently he heads



At left is Ravi and at right is Naresh

up a children's ministry in the town of Kilcoy. He visits the families of the children that come to church and now drives several newly saved families to the mother

church for

Sunday services. Recently a Prayer Meeting was started, and that is how a church will be planted in Kilcoy. The fifth member of our team was Naresh, another young man who is becoming more and more active in the church ministries. (Incidentally, both Ravi and Naresh are Guyanese of Indian decent. Much of the northern coast of South America and the southern Caribbean islands are populated by Indians. When England ruled the world in the past centuries, they brought many Indians to this region to supervise the slaves from Africa. As they arrived, they brought with them Islam and Hinduism, whose influences are still felt to this day.)

From the capital city of Georgetown, the trip to Kwakwani can be done by vehicle only. One white knuckle flight over the paved road to the town of Lindon, and then a ponderous crawl over the dirt roads beyond, passing through mud-holes which are literally large enough to have names. Along the way however, we had a few setbacks. The first

occurred when the bolts holding the axle to the frame broke, and the back axle shifted, causing the tire to rub on the fender. There was nothing we could do about it, so we continued on. The second problem occurred with the right front wheel bearing. We repacked it with Vaseline from a passenger's purse and limped to our destination! Because of the breakdown we missed the 2:00 ferry across the river and had to wait for two hours for the next opportunity. This delay gave us an opportunity to break out the provisions and have a meal of bread,



After giving out New Testaments at this secondary school, we were allowed to preach the Gospel to the students.

cheese and tinned mackerel. This was our menu for the next two days. I must admit that it really tasted good ... the first time.

When the Apostle Paul reached a new town, he would go to the local synagogue and preach. This is how we began a ministry in Kwakwani...

With us, we had brought as many Gideon Bibles

and New Testaments as four men and a boy could carry. We immediately visited the government offices and gave out Bibles to the local officials, introducing ourselves and stating our intentions. With their consent, we then visited the secondary school and gave New Testaments to all the students and Bibles to the teachers. The headmistress of the secondary school happened to be a Christian. Each day she has the students repeat the 23rd Psalm as part of their opening exercises. We went to the secondary school first to lighten our load! From there we went to the nursery and primary schools giving out Bibles to the staff. In every case we were received cordially and in some cases, enthusiastically. At the primary school we were allowed to enter the classrooms and teach the children Christian songs. One teacher told me, "The children are enjoying it, take as long as you want".

Passing out Scripture is a blessing, especially when you have the confidence that it will be cherished and read; but it takes more than that to start a new work. From the schools, we sent Ravi and Naresh to find a place to rent, because they will comprise the church planting team for Kwakwani. God led them to a widower who is willing to rent

them a room in his house for one week of every month. On their next trip, they will return with Bibles for the nearly 300 mine employees. This will require traveling by barge tug up the river, because 300 Bibles is more than two men can carry. On their week-long visits each month, they will visit door to door, handing out Bibles and offering Source of Light Bible correspondence courses. (*Source of Light is an excellent correspondence ministry based out of Madison, Georgia. Final Frontiers works with a number of preachers in many countries that were referred to us by Source of Light.*) On subsequent trips they will collect the completed lessons, correct them and return with new lessons. In that



The mining company allowed our team to stay at their company's guest house during our evangelistic time in Kwakwani.

way they will visit all interested families twice during their week in Kwakwani. If it all goes true to form, within a short time, someone will offer their home for a Bible Study, and from that group of new believers, a church will be planted.

The eight churches of the ABC all have pastors with full support from their congregations. It is

the goal of these churches that the evangelism of Kwakwani be fully financed by their congregations. Part of the continuing maturity of the churches of Guyana is to develop a burden to reach their own people, a burden that will lead them to train, and to give sacrificially to accomplish the goal. Collectively they will send teams of singers, soulwinners and preachers to help Ravi and Naresh, and to conduct open air meetings.

Kwakwani is ripe for a church, and it will be accomplished in less than a year. The problem will come when it is time to start a church. In order to do that, someone must move to Kwakwani. Supporting a family full time is probably more than the eight poor churches can afford. Certainly putting up a church building is beyond their resources. God will provide - and many times, He provides through generous, caring Christians here in the USA. This is just one example of how a town can be reached, and it is being duplicated around the world.

More and more such efforts are a partnership between the nationals and foreign Christians; each part of the body doing its part to grow and mature the Body of Christ. ■

News of interest from around the world

■ The African laggard

Despite economic growth accelerating in many parts of the world, sub-Saharan Africa continues to lag far behind. Over the last 20 years, per capita income has inched up by about \$70 in Africa compared to about \$900 in East Asia. About 40% of Africa's people get by on less than a dollar a day.

■ The Palestinian economy "in tatters"

The gross national product of Gaza and the West Bank has plunged by almost a fourth between 1992 and 1996. Israel is only partly to blame according to *Business Week*, which also points the finger at Yasir Arafat and the Palestinian Authority. Critics say Arafat is running an economy rife with corruption, favoritism, and state-run monopolies. As a result, investors are staying away in droves.

■ Violence continues in Colombia

More than a million Colombians have been uprooted by violence in the northwest in the last 10 years. Last year about 180,000 fled their homes because of fighting between government troops and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, and their allies, the "May 19" (a communist terrorist group).

■ Bible a bestseller in Egypt

In January, at the Cairo International Book Fair, the second largest such event in the world, "Jesus" film videos packaged with free New Testaments sold tens of thousands of copies. Sales more than tripled those of last year's fair.

■ Peace in Tajikistan

The Tajikistan government, which is propped up by Russia, signed an agreement with Muslim rebels recently in an effort to undergird peace in the troubled Central Asian country. Monthly income in this nation is only about \$2.50 per person.

■ Ritual female slaves in Ghana

Several thousand ritual female slaves live in southeastern Ghana. Called *trocisi*, which means "slaves of the gods" in the local Ewe language, they are sent by families to religious shrines to appease the gods for crimes their relatives have committed. Not only are the females slaves forced to do menial labor for their priests, they must also perform sexual favors.

■ The occult in Italy

Italy, with more cell phones per capita than the USA, is awash in the occult. According to a report in the *Chicago Tribune*, there are between 20,000 and 30,000 *magi* providing spiritual advice and the occasional exorcism. An ethnologist at the University of Rome stated, "Italy is very fertile soil for these practices because of the way its pre-Christian pagan culture has mixed with Catholicism."

■ Latin missionary movement growing

Four years ago there were 1,364 Latin American missionaries serving in foreign countries, today the missionary force from Brazil alone accounts for nearly that number. Brazil has had a 45% increase in missionary candidates since 1993. Global strategists predict Latin missionaries will play a leading role in the next century's toughest missionary assignment: evangelizing predominantly Muslim countries. Additionally, worldwide, about 400 million people speak Spanish, yet only about 10% of them live in Spain. Christianity is growing faster in Latin America, than perhaps any other part of the world. Economically, Latin America is beginning to catch up with their Asian counterparts.

■ Troubles for Christianity in the former Soviet Union

Evangelism is being regulated and often confined to churches in Belarus. Officials are now requiring that forms be filled out for humanitarian aid distribution. In Kazakhstan, missions work and preaching are now being confined to church buildings. In Kyrgyzstan, the restrictions are making missionary work more difficult. In Russia, the state Duma has drafted a law that may curtail religious rights. The bill says a group must wait 15 years after registering with the government before it can be considered an official "religious organization". Rights to publish, invite guests from overseas, and do other religious activities in public would be restricted. To date, President Yeltsin has vetoed previous attempts to restrict minority religions.

World distribution of Scriptures by Bible Societies (11/95 - 10/96)

	Bibles	Testaments	Portions
Africa	2,590,624	605,094	1,607,147
Americas	7,346,446	2,449,015	5,967,611
Asia-Pacific	7,065,562	6,996,738	11,737,421
Europe-Middle East	2,367,855	2,107,028	2,896,698
Total 1996	19,370,487	12,157,875	22,208,877

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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:

Jawa Jala

Wife's Name:

E-Sor Jala

Number of Children:

4

Country:

Thailand

Testimony:

When I was fifteen I heard the Gospel and knew I needed a Savior. After being married for ten years, I began to serve in my church as a Sunday School teacher and a song leader. It was not too long afterwards that I felt God's call to the ministry.

My training came from several Lahu Tribal pastors and preachers of other tribes who speak the Lahu language. My wife and I are both Lahu and we minister to those of the Black Lahu and Red Lahu Tribes. *(Note: The distinction is made by the difference in tribal costumes and slight cultural differences, as both originate from the same base tribe.)*

Currently I am serving as the pastor of a church which I started in the village of Nong-Phum Mae-Lao. I am training Mr. Thananachine to become the pastor. When he is ready, I will move on to begin another work. Most of our time is spent in evangelizing and in discipleship. My wife is a great help to me in these ministries.

We live in a bamboo house and live the typical life of the Lahu people. Our main food is rice, but we like to eat meat when we can afford it. Our family is in need of blankets and many of our people need them too. December through February is very cool for us, and June through August the rains are very heavy and makes our travels difficult.

(Note: Jawa is among those benefiting from the gift of Kiatisak's van, see the TEAM report on page 6.)

Number of sponsorships needed: one more - at \$35.00 monthly



Preacher's Name:

Julio Ernesto Torres

Wife's Name:

Celina Pinel

Number of Children:

2

Country:

Honduras

Testimony:

I was saved by grace through faith in my Savior Jesus Christ on November 6, 1981, in an evangelistic campaign in my home town of San Marcos de Colon. When I was without God, without faith and without hope in this world of sin; I heard the Word of God and learned that I was a lost sinner who needed to be saved, otherwise I will be in hell forever, but I give thanks in the Lord because Jesus saved me that night. Three years after He saved me He called me to serve Him. I went to the Bible Institute for three years. I work in the ministry since He saved me.

My wife came to know Jesus Christ one month after I did. She went with me to church and was very interested in the Word of God. She first read the Word of God but it wasn't until December 1981 that she was converted.

I have started four churches since becoming a Christian and have led over 150 people to Christ, many of them children. I am a radio preacher and I have trained many men to be in ministry. I hold open air evangelistic meetings where we distribute Christian literature to reach souls for Christ. I also teach the Bible in the elementary and high school.

Even though we do have some income from my working in the carpenter shop, it is not enough to meet all our personal and ministry needs. Your financial help will really enhance our ministry and meet some of the needs of our family. We will appreciate your prayers on our behalf and we will pray for you.

Note: Julio, and many other Honduran and Nicaraguan ministers, preach free of charge each day on the Samaritan Radio Network, a ministry of Final Frontiers Executive Board Member, Philip Tyson.

Number of sponsorships needed: 2 - each at \$35.00 monthly

From the mailbag



From:

Go Za Kham

Final Frontiers National Coordinator for Myanmar

Sponsored by:

William Ussery, GA

Bible Baptist, Savannah, GA

Bible Baptist, Hilton Head SC

Ewell bible Baptist, Ozark, AL

First Baptist, St. Francis, MN



Last trimester:

villages evangelized - 2

churches started - 2

people saved - 12

converts baptized - 12

Thank you that I can speak to you through this letter as if I were with you side by side. Your special gift brings comfort and blessing in my ministry. Life is getting harder and harder, inflation is sweeping as high as mountains. A year ago a bag of rice (75 lbs.) costs \$35.00 but now it rises up to \$70.00 and it is increasing daily. A gallon of gasoline costs \$30.00 a year ago but now it swells up to \$60.00 according to the official rate. Now all is black market rate. But through your help we can barely survive and praise the Lord Who is the Father of all.

God's plan is wonderful. A group of Burmese families invited me to tell them the Gospel with their inner motives as they felt emptied at heart with a feeling of a kind of agony. I went with them and told them about the love of Jesus declaring Isa. 45:22. They are very pleased to learn that there is only One God, the Creator and Sustainer of all and the Savior of man. I baptized them on 3-15-97 and organized a Gospel meeting in their huts as chapels. I am very pleased.

I now need an additional \$500.00 a month to help me (in my traveling). One place is 15 miles from my home in Thingungyun, (Rangoon suburb area) and another place is North Okklapa, 8 miles from my home. Listeners are added and they are very sincere seekers of the truth from Buddhism. Twice a week I visit them and give Bible study and to be wholly dependant upon the Lord for their physical and spiritual needs. Last year a person can barely live with \$100.00 monthly, but now about \$500.00. Please pray for the need of survival. Thank you very much.



From: Gabriel Jarder
Sponsored By: Jeremy Hamilton

I received the support you have sent me and I would like to thank you for it. It did help a lot especially in meeting our daily needs. As of now, we just can't work well because of some people are trying to harass and intimidate us that we might leave the place. These people got involved in another crime by abducting and killing two of our wealthy neighbors. Please pray that they might get apprehended and punished, that once again we might freely preach the Gospel in far remote areas through evangelistic meetings. I lost my motorcycle when they burned it. I'm praying for another one, even just a second hand to be used in reaching remote villages (\$500.00 - \$800.00). Any help from you I will appreciate.



Last trimester:

villages
 evangelized - 0

churches
 started - 0

people saved - 12

converts
 baptized - 0



From: Paul Chirmir
Sponsored by: Mission O.N.E. Inc.

Greetings from hill tribe ministry. I would like to say again thank you for your ministry and support among our people here at Chiangrai and Burma.

I would like you to know that the Lord is blessing us very much in the passed four months. I have been to a new village preaching. There were about 60 of them came to hear God's Word and showing interested and eleven of them got saved and right now those eleven believers were baptized now. I know that my health is not strong enough for about a month but because of my commitment I need to go out for the Lord's work.

On April, one of our old woman at our church pass away be with the Lord, but we were not permitted from the owner of the land to burial her body, then I called all of our church members for prayer that night and in the morning the Lord had an unsaved person permit us to use his land. Because of this all our believers were encouragement in faith and the power of prayer. I also went to encourage our evangelists in Burma because of problems and trails from war and health. They really need our prayers.



Last trimester:

villages
 evangelized - 1

churches
 started - 0

people saved - 11

converts
 baptized - 11

Welcome New Sponsors

Preacher Sponsorships:

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

- **Lupton Drive Baptist Church** in Chattanooga, TN
 - double sponsored: Simpenyako Levison Kayendera in Malawi
 - double sponsored: Miguel Monge Munoz in Costa Rica
 - double sponsored: A Ra Ner in Vietnam
 - double sponsored: Tra Phuc in Vietnam
 - double sponsored: Polamati Manoharam in India
 - double sponsored: Pat U. Cudal Jr. in the Philippines
 - double sponsored: Arlene Caguimbal in the Philippines
 - double sponsored: Livinus Obani in Nigeria
 - double sponsored: Sunil Kumar Ghosh in India
 - double sponsored: Tia Pierre Keita in the Ivory Coast
 - **Robert and Sandra Meyer** in Stuart, FL
 - double sponsored: David Gagula Elexander in Uganda
 - double sponsored: Polycarp Amadi in Nigeria
- **Lee's Summit Baptist Temple** in Lee's Summit, MO
 - sponsored: Alejandro S. Pana in the Philippines
 - **Joe and Sharon Goodman** in Perry, MI
 - sponsored: Hector Alfredo Perez Gomez in Guatemala
 - **Don and Marilee Peterson** in Munith, MI
 - sponsored: Sajan K. Kunjukutty in India
 - **Ron and Kris Crofoot** in Schoolcraft, MI
 - sponsored: Ganta Samuel in India
 - sponsored: Peter Okech Opiyo in Kenya
 - **Donald and Lois Daam** in Protage, MI
 - sponsored: Peter Waya in Nigeria
 - **Carlton and Carol Davis** in Howell, MI
 - sponsored: German Velasquez de Leon in Guatemala
 - **David and Deborah Poisson** in Fenton, MI
 - sponsored: M. Mariyadas in India
 - **Ibett Maurice** in Elmhurst, NY
 - sponsored: *TEAM* Bangladesh
 - **Norma Perez** in East Elmhurst, NY
 - sponsored: *TEAM* Zambia
 - **Elton and Rachel Hiscock** in Portage, MI
 - sponsored: *TEAM* Ghana

Final Frontiers Society Membership

The following became Society members since last month's report. Membership is \$45.00 annually, and is applied to international operating expenses and funding for special projects. For membership information or application, call 1-800-522-4324

- **Ken and Peggy Guy and family** in Thousand Oaks, CA
- **Scott and Denise Messich and family** in Simi Valley, CA
 - **Marjorie Hood** in Plymouth, MN
 - **Marvin and Eileen Burrows** in Fairmont, MN
- **Woody and Tary Johnson and family** in Windom, MN
- **Mark and Pam Henderson and family** in Burnsville, MN
 - **Kevin and Ann Rabe and family** in Granada, MN
- **Glenn and Dolores Waters and family** in Kennedyville, MD
 - **Ronald and Kathleen Smith and family** in Lapeer, MI
- **Kurt and Laurie Weymouth and family** in Royal Oak, MI
 - **Richard and Georgia Nagengast** in Burton, MI
 - **Max and Marja Waldon** in Des Moines, IA
- **Nathan and Karon Moll and family** in Des Moines, IA
 - **Harold and Connie Watson**, Long Beach, NC
 - **Rondal Johnson** in Raleigh, NC
- **Anthony and Maryt Accampo and family** in Memphis, TN
 - **Charles and Anne Asbell** in Jeffersonville, GA
 - **Jake and Joclyn Cook** in Statham, GA
 - **Doug and Cindy Shoemaker** in Altamonte Springs, FL
 - **James and Marquerite Wilson** in Rantoul, KS
- **Jose and Elvira Cabello and family** in North White Plains, NY
 - **Steven Mentz** in Cresson, PA
- **Robert and Lynda Barrett and family** in Birmingham, AL

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 800-522-4324.

- **Southeast Community Church** in Kingsland, GA - *TEAM* Zambia
 - **Riverdale Baptist** in Upper Marlboro, MD - *TEAM* India
 - **Calvary Baptist** in Sleepy Eye, MN
- **Emmanuel Baptist** in West Palm Beach, FL - *TEAM* Zambia
 - **Harbor Baptist** in Charlotte, NC - *TEAM* Zambia

Reports from the Final Frontiers

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

103 Churches Started
215 Villages Evangelized
3,662 Professions of Faith
1,906 Believers Baptized

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

8,036 Churches Started
31,618 Villages Evangelized
278,307 Professions of Faith
82,562 Believers Baptized

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

827 Preachers Supported
1,121 Preacher Sponsorships
26 *TEAM* Sponsorships
73 Orphans Supported
32 Countries involved in

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