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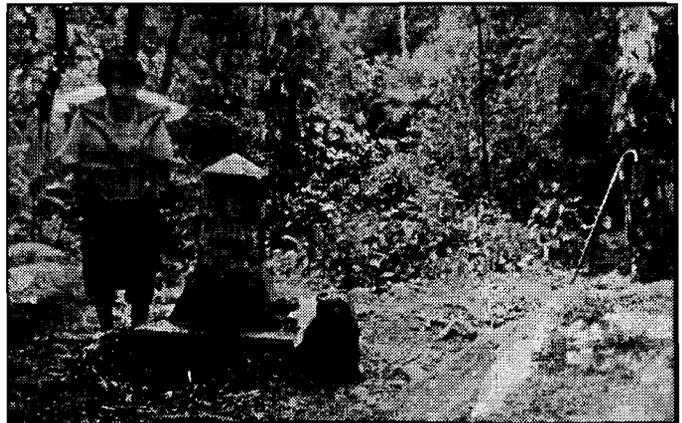
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Greetings at Christmas and the New Year:

It was just twelve months ago that the world was just about to "come to an end" with the advent of the millennium bug. Well, we're all still here and moving ahead in our service to the Lord. Thank God for another year. Every year at this time, my wife and kids ask me what I want for Christmas. It is always at that moment, that I realize once again, I don't really need anything. I have been abundantly blessed by God just as you have. We buy gifts for the sake of buying gifts, even when there is no real need. Oh the joys of being an American!

Recently we have gotten some reports and letters from various nations that have really been a blessing. One of our preachers, Cainan Thangsai, who ministers throughout Central Asia, sent in a picture of one of his newest "Timothys" at a border marking between China and Burma (now called Myanmar). This is a spot that no foreign missionary can get to, yet they are crossing in and out with the gospel continually. You may notice the walking stick in the background at right. Cainan is an old man, whom, when we began support for him back in 1987, had at that time been preaching the gospel for 40 years. In one of his earlier reports, he mentioned to the sponsor that he could reach more villages if they would buy him a helicopter. I remember my dad opening and reading that letter. Then he began to chuckle. "What's so funny?" I asked. He read me the letter and I admit, it was a humorous request. Then my dad responded. "What would he do with a helicopter even if they gave him one?" My dad knew Cainan from his visit with me to that region. He knew that Cainan probably, while crossing over the Himalayan Mountain range in and out of China, at one



This is the jungle crossing between Burma and China. Note that the young "Timothy" is traveling barefoot. This is the kind of preacher we like to support; those who are serving in spite of their limitations, rather than using them as an excuse not to serve.

Through the funding of national and native preachers, we endeavor to effectively advance the gospel where it has never been preached before.

time, most likely looked up and saw a Chinese troop helicopter and thought to himself, "if only I had one of those, just think of the villages I could evangelize!" Cainan had no concept of the modern world. In his mind, he could ride a horse or a bicycle, so surely he could just hop into the pilot's seat and fly a helicopter as well. His simplicity, sincerity and naivete was precious, but not nearly so much so, as his desire to reach more people with the gospel. Well, Cainan has not yet gotten his helicopter, but he does have a walking stick, and another of many Timothy's being trained to take his place. He may not have much, but he is accomplishing much with what he has, and that puts many of us to shame.



From the same trip into China, Cainan sends this photograph of tribal Chinese in a bamboo church. This is a group of Christian children singing songs about Jesus. On the wall behind them are color pictures telling the story of Noah's ark. In some cases, pictures like these are the only "Bible" the Chinese Christians have.

At almost the same time we have received a request from another ministry in China, and this time, I think there is something we can do about it. This brother has asked that we help raise funds to buy Chinese Study Bibles to give to the underground churches. These Bibles have 2000 pages of scripture and study guides. Most Chinese Christians do not own a Bible. It is probably fair to say that there are some who have never even seen a Bible. Many pastors and evangelists do not own a copy of the Bible. Just think how miserable your life

would be without your own copy of scripture to read; to be comforted by; to use in teaching. I hope many of you will make a special Christmas offering to buy a Bible for a Chinese Christian, pastor or interested non-believer. Oh yes, the cost? They are a staggering \$2.00 each! That's right, only two dollars each. Please send us a generous gift and provide God's Word to a Chinese brother in Christ. The gift does not have to be "rushed in" before Christmas, it can be on-going, but realize that the sooner we get your funds, the sooner that Believer will get his own copy of God's Word.

We have also heard from Vietnam again. It seems that every time a US government official goes there, the Vietnamese start another crack-down on the underground churches. It is as if to make a statement to their own people, that just because they are making overtones to the West, don't think that anything is changing domestically. Many house churches are once again being closed and burned. Pastors and leaders are being imprisoned. Though the information we are receiving is spasmodic and does not contain great detail, the constant request is "pray for us". I hope you will.

Now that we have covered China, Burma and Vietnam, let me move on to something closer to home, in fact, right at home. We have a real need to re-roof our offices here in Louisville. We have leaks that are beginning to create a real problem. By God's grace, there is a group coming from Minnesota and Illinois in March to do the

work free of charge. We do however need to provide the materials. Our estimates are that we need about \$3,200.00 to buy the shingles, and other materials. Additionally, we have an offer of free labor to put siding on our buildings as well, if we can purchase the materials. We are estimating a need of about the same or a little more for the siding. So right now, we need to raise about \$7,000.00. These two projects being accomplished, we should be set for another 20 to 30 years, and remove ourselves from the expense of constant repairs. Please, please, please help us with this need.

Below you will see the statistics that have come to us in the Preacher's Report Forms since our October report. I know you will be encouraged by all the Lord is accomplishing through these preachers around the world. Please keep them in prayer and do whatever you can, to help with the needs that have been mentioned, especially now at the Christmas season, when we realize that what we really need most in our lives, is not the blessing of receiving, but the joy of giving.

Yours for souls,



Jon Nelms
Chairman

Reports received since the last issue of the Progress Report (Oct/Nov 2000) indicate there were ...	Combined totals from all reports received since our beginning in January 1987, indicate there have been ...	A current total of all statistics (as of 11-30-00) indicate there are currently...
442 Churches Started 961 Villages Evangelized 11,348 Professions of Faith 5,201 Believers Baptized	13,740 Churches Started 52,142 Villages Evangelized 440,850 Professions of Faith 138,819 Believers Baptized	754 Preachers Supported 1,112 Preacher Sponsorships 81 TEAM Sponsorships 62 Orphans Supported 45 Countries of service

Please return this

We want to process your offering correctly, so please take a moment to tell us how you want to help.

Enclosed is my regular support for _____ \$ _____

Here is my love offering to help with repairing the roof at the home office. \$ _____

I want to help the Chinese Christians by buying _____ at \$2.00 each, for a total of \$ _____

Total:.....\$ _____

Would you please help us update our records by giving us your current E-mail address?

Name _____ Email address: _____