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Dear *Progress Report* Readers:

It is at this time each year that I like to put aside our regular format, and send to each of you, a simple letter, letting you know how God has been blessing and using your foundation over the past year.

1997 saw an increase in the number of men representing our ministry here in the States. While most of them are just getting started, we are nonetheless seeing an increase in the number of sponsorships being acquired. Unfortunately, that number is being offset by a host that, due to financial difficulties, have had to drop the support of their preacher. We are confident and are seeing weekly how God is making up for that deficit, and thus, the number of supported preachers and sponsorships, continue to grow.

Additionally, there were several new ministries started during the year. First, we jump-started our **Child Care** subsidiary, which is an orphan and destitute child sponsorship program, run by the preachers we support. While some of these children live in church owned orphanages, others are actually placed in the homes of national church members. We see daily, the blessing of such a plan and are pleased to see a growing number of you taking on the support of one of these children. Though we have had this program available for years, we had never promoted it in the churches here. Now, our men are trained to do just that and the results are fabulous.

Also in 1997, Lewis Nelms began a program for churches called **Visionary Partners**. In this venture, churches literally partner with us to cover our home office needs, as well as supporting a national **TEAM** in the country of their choice. This \$60.00 monthly commitment has helped us to update our printing equipment and produce better materials for our readers, and for the national preachers.

With the help of Dick Spencer, we also started a new division of our foundation called the **Final Frontiers Society**, which in it's first year, enrolled more than 120 singles and families. This annually renewable membership of \$45.00 will give us the funds we need to pay our staff, and to help cover the costs of our international travel and offices. It will also provide additional funding for overseas projects, such as buying bicycles, Bibles and tracts. *(If you are interested in being a 1998 member of the Society, please return the enclosed reply form with your check and we will rush your certificate to you.)*

When all is said and done, faithfulness to our call is all that matters. The results are left in the hands of the Lord. Thousands of you were faithful to pray for our foundation and the national preachers, hundreds of you were faithful to give on a monthly basis, and the preachers were faithful in their tireless efforts of church planting and discipleship. It is no surprise, that with such an effort on the part of us all, that God would give an increase. Let me share with you what was accomplished in 1997:

- **New Churches Started - 1,835 (that's one every four hours and forty-five minutes!)**
- **Villages Evangelized - 8,933 (that's one every hour!)**
- **People Saved - 66,154 (that's one every eight minutes!)**
- **People Baptized - 21,331 (that's one every twenty-five minutes!)**

And in our eleven years experience, we have had a total of 8,842 churches started, that's an average of one new church planted every eleven hours! To God be the glory! And I want you all to remember, that to us, a new church is not a "church split", rather, it is the natural, spiritual result of a team of national preachers, entering a village, preaching the Word of God (for weeks if necessary) and establishing a "called out assembly" comprised of new converts, and appointing one man from the team to remain behind for the edification of the saints, while the others move on with select new converts to the next village, to do the same thing all over again.

But what is ahead of us in 1998? I believe it will be more of the same. More converts, more new churches and more orphans and preachers sponsored. Without a doubt, to do this we need intensified prayer and financial support. Much of our office staff is still underpaid, or not paid at all. We have

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

workers who have labored for eleven years without pay. It is time that comes to an end, but how?

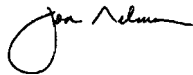
We have a solution. I want to personally encourage and ask each of you to send in a check to help out with our ministry. Many of you give faithfully and sacrificially, but many others give little or not at all. We have never charged for our monthly *Progress Report*. We want you to read it and to pray for us, but it does cost us to mail it out, to print it, to pay the printer, etc. I believe that if each of our readers would just enroll in our **Final Frontiers Society**, and in doing so, pay an annual membership fee of only \$45.00, those funds would be sufficient to cover all our expenses and have an abundance left over to fund needy causes worldwide.

Nearly 7,000 of you will receive this letter. Just image if every one of you joined the Society; that would give us operating funds of \$315,000.00. That's a lot you say, yes, but it is \$70,000.00 less than what was sent overseas to the preachers last year!

Another added bonus is, it would allow us to give each preacher we assist, a 25% increase in support. Just imagine what more could be accomplished with that increase. More Bibles bought, more villages reached, more souls saved, more new churches founded for the purpose of reaching beyond their borders to the next village, the next mountain, the next tribe, waiting to hear the name of Jesus for the first time in history. Wouldn't you be honored in this life and in the next to be a part of such a venture, and for such an insignificant amount of money? It really is mind boggling isn't it?

I do hope you will continue to pray and give. We have new international offices opened that operate on a shoe string and we have still, nearly 1000 preachers in need of support, and new applications are arriving weekly. Pray for us and help us as the Lord enables you.

Yours for souls,



Jon Nelms

Chairman/CEO

Rejoice With Us

News received from the Final Frontiers, indicates that ...

... since last month's report there have been ...

147	New Churches Started
1,572	New Villages Evangelized
7,831	Professions of Faith
1,319	Believers Baptized

... since our inception in January 1987 there have been ...

8,842	New Churches Started
33,936	New Villages Evangelized
382,898	Professions of Faith
109,536	Believers Baptized

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Apply my donation to: _____

I am sending \$45.00 to enroll as a 1998 Final Frontiers Society Member, please send me my membership certificate as soon as possible.

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