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From: Jon Nelms, Chairman of the Executive Board
To: all Final Frontiers supporters and prayer partners
Ref: 1998 Foundation Activity Report and
1999 FFS Membership Request

What did you do in January? If you're like me, you can barely remember yesterday. That's why we go to great lengths to record and publish the results of the work produced by the preachers who are sponsored by this foundation. *During January alone, they ...*

- started 122 churches, *(a new church every 6 hours!)*
- evangelized 1,578 villages,
- led 5,032 people to Christ *(a soul saved every 8 minutes!)* and
- baptized 814 of their new converts.

Looks like they stayed pretty busy huh?

This tremendous work being carried on by the preachers is only possible because of the support they receive from the nearly 1,100 sponsors who give through this ministry. It helps to buy their food, clothing, travel tickets, Bibles, tracts, etc. When the preachers file their reports three times annually, it is rare they fail to mention the value of the support they receive. It is not an exaggeration to say that the work, (at least to this extent) would not be possible without their sponsors. But in addition, it would not be reported without the International Offices which administrate and coordinate our efforts world-wide.

For more than a year now, I have lived in Honduras, where I manage our Latin America Office. Leading this position has taught me first hand the expenses that are involved in such detailed administration. The preachers look to us (the International Offices) to provide their accountability, travel funds, ministry supplies, and reporting to the sponsors and home office. It can be an awesome task, especially when it goes un-funded.

The 1999 Final Frontiers Society...

For this reason, two years ago, we formed the Final Frontiers Society. The sole purpose of this "society of believers" is to fund these various International Offices so that the preachers can be more effective. In our first year, about 100 of you participated. Last year, about 140. Now it's a new year with new needs. We are becoming more and more computerized, the preachers are receiving better and more frequent training. Bible schools are springing up all over the world, which are often times, housed in the International Offices. This creates bills for electricity, curriculum, teaching staff, secretaries, etc., that have no funding nor sponsorships. All of this is provided for by the Society funds.

Each year at about this time, we send out a letter like this one, encouraging *ALL* our readers to join our FFSociety (Final Frontiers Society). We ask for only \$45.00 for the year. Many of the preacher's sponsors are able to help with this once-a-year offering, and many who are unable to support a preacher on a monthly basis, see this

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

as a way they can help out. In exchange for your membership, we send you a uniquely styled certificate to display in your home or church, and we frequently give reports in our monthly newsletter to show what your Society Membership is accomplishing. For example, this past year, with the help of FFS funding, we were able to refurbish a donated press, purchase other equipment, and ship a complete print shop to Zambia for use by the preachers there.

Forty-five dollars for most of us is not a lot of money, but it sure goes a long way overseas. I want to ask each of you reading this letter to please help us by becoming a 1999 Final Frontiers Society Member. Your membership will truly be an investment in eternity.

Something new (and available for your use) ...

As you know we have been working on our internet site, trying to make it something that will attract new sponsors and provide an incredible educational resource for world missions. Well, a supplement to that site will be our FFSociety website. This site will explain what the Society is all about and give updates to the work being accomplished by the membership funding. You will be able to visit it by accessing our main website at <http://www.finalfrontiers.org>

In developing our website, my son Daniel and I discussed what we could do to make the site more beneficial to the viewer. We came up with the idea of creating a photo album filled with the photographs we have taken and have had sent to us over the years. There are more than 10,000 of them. To do this, Daniel has written a computer program that will provide the photo, a caption, more detailed notes, the date, place and time of the picture and the photographer's name. You'll be able to search by any of those fields at your leisure. For example, rather than going through thousands of photos, you can tell the program to only show you the picture taken:

- in the summer of 1987
- in the country of Thailand
- of the Akha tribe.

Incredible huh! Yes, my son is a genius, but remember, "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree". (just joking)

Imagine the educational value of this for your children, as well as for your own, ever-growing missions understanding. You will be amazed to see photographic documentation of tribal groups that no other organization in the world has, including National Geographic!

Well I told you all this, not just to get you anxious (hold on though, it will take a few months to finish all this work), but also to let you know that we will give a copy of this program, free of charge, to anyone who becomes a 1999 Society member and requests it. Of course your copy will be for you to use for your own personal photographs. This would be great for any family or church to have.

Bottom line...

We have never liked to use gimmicks to get people to help us, and this gift mentioned above should not be misinterpreted as such. We just want to get your attention and let you know that there is a need. I hope you will not only think about helping us, but that you will actually do so. I still know of no other ministry in the world that accomplishes so much with so little funding. We used to be unique in our methods and accountably, but now there are others who literally have emulated our program and because of this, are able to help untold numbers of preachers. Many of these organizations look to us for help and ideas, just as the preachers do for support. We need to stay on the cutting edge, doing the best that we can in as frugal a manner as possible. The help you can provide for us with your Society membership is all we need to accomplish that. Please send in your Membership today, or email it to us from our website. (Credit cards are now acceptable either by phone or by internet.)

In closing, let me give you a report of the work that was accomplished by the preachers we supported throughout last year (1998). After reading the statistics, if you think we just aren't doing enough, then pray that God will help us do more. If you feel that the preachers are doing a great job, then please help us to help them more effectively by becoming a *1999 Final Frontiers Society Member* today.

1998 Activity Report...

1,817 Churches started (Imagine! ... a new church was started every four hours and fifty minutes!)
7,766 Villages evangelized
68,228 Professions of faith (Imagine! ...a person accepted Christ every eight minutes!)
21,995 New converts baptized

To date, since our ministry began in January 1987, we have seen 10,659 churches started!

Now you know why I sleep so well at night! The knowledge that all this is going on brings an enormous peace to my heart and it should be yours also, because you have a part in this. We are a team and without your support and prayers, it just wouldn't be getting accomplished to this magnitude. That's reality, plain and simple. And that's why we're asking you to join our 99FFS. With your funding, we can do even more!

We ended the year with:*

769 Preachers sponsored
1,069 Total preachers sponsorships
47 Orphans sponsored
86 TEAM sponsorships

* In case you noticed a decline in the number of preachers and TEAM sponsorships from the end of the year to the end of January, as mentioned on page one, it is primarily because when my brother Lewis left us in the Spring of 1998 to start a similar ministry, at the approval of the national preachers in Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, and with the consent of the sponsors, we turned over all those preachers to his ministry at his request, in order to help him get off to a good start. And yes, those are the same ones that we provided the print shop for, even though they were no longer a part of "our ministry". Remember, we are all working for the Lord Jesus Christ, and anything we can do to help glorify His name and spread the Gospel, we want to do, even if, and especially if, it means helping out another ministry. After all, that's what Final Frontiers is all about...helping others do the ministry God has called them to do. May God enable us to do it even more in the years to come.

From Him the power, to Him the glory!

Yours for souls,

1999 Final Frontiers Society Membership Form

- Please find enclosed my gift of \$45.00 for annual membership in the Society for 1999.
- Please send me a free, personal copy on disc of Daniel's Photo Archive program (format: windows 95 and higher)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Office Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Profession/Interests: _____

- Enclosed is my regular support
- Enclosed is a special offering for: _____