



# Progress Report

## The Last of the World's Least Evangelized Frontiers

North Africa and the Islamic Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, is slowly coming to Christ again

By Ron Charles

It was Saturday, October 6, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, in Israel. Dr. James, an English archaeologist from the Albright Institute in Jerusalem and I had been excavating on Israel's Golan Heights for only two days, not including the one day that it took us to set-up camp. We were investigating the ruins of a Roman military encampment that dated back to the 1<sup>st</sup> century, located about 8 or 10 miles from the town of Kuneltra.

We had been up since 4:00 AM excavating. It was typical in the desert to work when it is cooler and then in the heat of the afternoon, to go inside the tents and take a nap. Work then would usually continue when the temperature cooled down a bit. Even though in October the heat

was not so bad, it was hard for Dr. James to break a habit, so we maintained the same excavating agenda with which he was familiar.

It was mid-afternoon. Dr. James had been sleeping for at least 20 or 30 minutes when I finally dozed off. I had probably been sleeping only about a half hour, when a distant rumble awakened me. I originally thought that it was thunder, but since there wasn't a cloud in the sky, I felt that it was probably the Israeli military taking tank and artillery target practice, which they did rather often on the Golan Heights. After another half hour or so of listening to the distant rumble, I again dozed off. Little did I know that the Yom Kippur War, called the October War by the Arabic

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## Ministry Information

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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 the West, 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 - \$100.00 each month to support his family and ministry.

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- Membership in the Final Frontiers Society, Bible distribution program (\$10.00 monthly)

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## Where we serve

### The 58 countries where we serve as of June 2003

#### Africa:

Kenya  
 Uganda  
 South Africa  
 Nigeria  
 Togo  
 Ivory Coast  
 Ghana  
 Liberia  
 Burkina  
 Morocco  
 Sudan  
 Tanzania  
 Rwanda  
 Congo

#### Asia:

India  
 Myanmar  
 Thailand  
 Laos  
 Cambodia  
 Vietnam  
 China  
 Philippines  
 Nepal\*

#### Caribbean:

St. Vincent  
 St. Lucia  
 Grenada  
 Haiti\*  
 Jamaica

#### Pacifica:

Fiji

#### Eurasia:

Georgia  
 Belarus  
 Kazakhstan  
 Kyrgyzstan  
 Siberia  
 Ukraine  
 Russia

#### Europe:

France  
 Romania  
 Albania  
 Latvia  
 Lithuania  
 Hungary  
 Switzerland  
 Poland

#### Americas:

Mexico  
 Cuba  
 Guatemala  
 El Salvador  
 Honduras  
 Nicaragua  
 Costa Rica  
 Peru  
 Chile  
 Columbia  
 Ecuador  
 Venezuela  
 Brazil  
 Argentina

\* indicates *TEAM* support only

### Applications are in process now from:

Syria, Lebanon, Guyana, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, Georgia and Uzbekistan.

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## The Jon Nelms family report

I already know that 2003 was the best year our ministry has ever had; what I don't know yet are the exact statistics, as more and more data is arriving every day. Our Executive Board meets in late January so you can imagine how thrilled I will be to inform them of all that has taken place. I will be sharing those reports with you as well as our proposals for this year in the next *Progress Report*. I can tell you now that you are going to be praising the Lord for what you will learn and thanking Him for allowing you to be a part of it.



*Jon, Juanita, - Daniel and Sara*

Several issues back we introduced you to Ron Charles, a board member who is also an archeologist and was an executive director with Crown Financial Services until the death of Larry Burkett. In recent weeks Ron has agreed to become our *Director of Expansion for Islamic North Africa and the Middle East*. Ron is a church planter as well, having started nine churches in America (2), Albania (2), Egypt (3), Greece (1) and Turkey (1). One of these was actually begun inside a mosque with the permission of the presiding Imam.

In order to help you get to know him better, I have asked him to write the feature story for this issue. In future issues he will give you more incredible stories of how God has used him and continues to do so. (If you are interested in taking a trip with him to Egypt this year, check out the article on page 9.) And Pastors, if you are looking for someone to fill a place for you on a Missions Sunday, Ron is available as are all the Directors and Representatives of our foundation. Each Director is an expert on his field of service and well equipped to motivate your people for the cause of missions. (You can see a list of those on page 2.)

God willing, there will be three men from our ministry in India during the month of February and one in Vietnam. As you read this report Gordon Daam is in Africa and Minh Dang is in Vietnam. For this reason I am asking you to pray for us all and our families; not

just for health and safety in travel, but also that we will be an encouragement and blessing to the national preachers we are going to visit. Pray that God would open our eyes to their needs and how we can help *them* to be more effective, so that we can return and share that information with you.

Finally, let me express my gratitude to Mr. Paul Brown and the members of his Men's Sunday School class at the East Paris Baptist Church in Paris, Texas. After supporting their national preacher in India for several years, they learned that he needed open heart surgery to save his life. While \$7000 for open heart surgery is cheap by our standards, to a preacher who earns about \$50 a month it is certainly prohibitive. Paul and his class graciously provided the needed funds. The surgery has been performed and the pastor is back at work preaching to his people in Andhra Pradesh. They are one of many incredible Sunday School classes that make our dream a reality. We are grateful to them and to all of the churches and families who are so devoted to sponsor a national preacher through our ministry.

Yours for souls,

## Let's Get Acquainted ...

For more information on sponsoring a national preacher, see page 15.

**Preacher's Name:** Antonio Ferreira De Lima  
**Wife's Name:** Maria  
**No. of Children:** 0  
**Country:** Brazil  
**Sponsorship Needed:** 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

### Testimony:

I was saved in 1969. I had never heard the Gospel before, but one day an American missionary came by my home and invited me to attend a service at a house where he was beginning a Gospel work. At that moment the Holy Spirit began to work in my life and I accepted the invitation that evening after the service and I became a child of God. My call to the ministry happened while I was studying 2 Timothy 2:15.



My wife was converted after me. She is a hard worker for the Lord. She works with the children in the church and helps care for the Bible college student who works with us. She also counsels women.

I have started different 30 different preaching points and have led many, many to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, so many I do not know the number. I studied at the Cariri Baptist Seminary where I served a night watchman. I taught myself to read by using the Bible. I have trained a number of men to serve as pastors

Please pray for me and my family as we serve the Lord in Brazil. Pray for us to have a sponsor soon who will become our partner in prayer and financial aid so we can carry out the work the Lord has set before us. There are many people in my section of the country ready to hear the Gospel and accept Jesus as their Saviour. Pray we will be faithful through every circumstance.

**Preacher's Name:** John Thumbi Kigwa  
**Wife's Name:** Naomi Wangui Thumbi  
**No. of Children:** 5  
**Country:** Kenya  
**Sponsorship Needed:** 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

### Testimony:

I was saved in 1981 as was my wife. We were married in 1983. It was also in that year that I enrolled in the Baptist Bible Institute in Eldoret and was trained by Missionary Randall Stirewalt. During my college years I served as an assistant pastor and was then sent out to pastor a church. In the year 1986 I completed my college education and went out to serve the Lord.



Since my beginning in the ministry I have started five churches. They are in a region known as the "Burnt Forest". I have also spent time in training other men for the ministry. Five men are now pasturing whom I personally trained. They also pastor in the Burnt Forest area.

For the most part we preachers work together in teams. The work in our region is very hard. There are many tribal clashes. Recently my house was burnt in such a clash. It was a mud house with a grass roof. Now my family has had to flee to a large town and live in a church. Soon we hope to return to our area.

I am able to speak four languages including English, Swahili, Kikuyu and Nandi. I have had 465 people to make a profession of faith and I have already baptized 380 of these converts.

My wife helps me by teaching classes to the women and children. She also does witnessing and visitation with me. She has been a great help to me in the ministry.

We are grateful that you have considered us and have mercy for supporting us in the ministry.

See these and many other preachers in need of support on our website at [www.finalfrontiers.org](http://www.finalfrontiers.org)

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countries, had just broken out, with Syrian tanks attacking Israeli forces on the Golan Heights, while simultaneously Egyptian forces crossed the Suez to attack Israel's Southern border. The rumble that I had heard was the sound of more than 1,000 Syrian tanks speeding toward Israeli positions in Golan.

How long we slept, I cannot say, but in late afternoon Dr. James and I were both roused out of our cots by three Syrian soldiers, pointing their Russian made rifles at us. For me, looking down the barrel of those guns was like looking down the barrel of a huge cannon. I had no idea what was going on. Suddenly, one of the soldiers pulled us off of our cots and dragged us outside, while the other two held their rifles on us. He then tied our hands behind us with some type of plastic rope. By now, Dr. James was furious. While we knelt on the ground with hands tied behind us, he began cursing the soldiers and demanded to know why we were being restrained. While he was ranting and raving, I didn't do or say anything. I was too scared. The soldiers did not respond to him, they only spoke to one another in Arabic. Finally, Dr. James angrily yelled, "This is outrageous! The Israeli authorities will hear about this!" That was enough for the soldiers to react. One of them yelled back at Dr. James in English, "You Jewish dog!" He then kicked Dr. James squarely in the chest. The impact was so severe that Dr. James was knocked to the ground and rolled backwards. Two of the soldiers then roughly pulled him to his feet and slammed a rifle butt across his head. He collapsed unconsciously into a heap on the ground.

As I remained kneeling on the ground watching all of this, I wandered what would happen to me. The one who had spoken in English, again kicked Dr. James in the side and then walked over to me. He pointed his rifle at my head with the barrel only inches from my face and asked, in fluent English, my name and why I was there. I told him my name and told him that my companion and I were archaeologists excavating this historical site. He responded by saying that I was a liar and that we were Israeli spies. I shook my head no, and repeated that we were archaeologists. He then walked away and began to speak to the other two soldiers, who were still standing over the unconscious body of Dr. James, with their rifles pointed towards him. He then walked back over to me and began to ask me questions.

"What is your relationship with the Israeli aggres-

sors?

I answered back, "I have no relationship with Israel, other than that of archaeology."

"Do you support Israeli's aggression and their hostilities toward our brothers in Palestine?"

"I do not support Israel politically in any way," I responded.

"What is your opinion of Israel and their aggression?"

I shook my head no and said, "I have no opinion concerning Israel or about anything they do or do not do."

"Do you support or defend Israel in this war of lib-



*Ron Charles and the area of excavation where the story takes place.*

eration for our Palestinian brothers?"

Again I shook my head and said, "I do not support Israel politically and I do not defend them or their actions or reactions. I have no opinion about Israel's politics whatsoever."

With that he again walked away and began again to talk to the other two soldiers.

A few moments later he returned, but this time he did not point his rifle at me. He looked at me for a long time without speaking. Then he said, "I do not believe that you are Israeli, but you can be a Jewish pig."

I answered, "I am not Jewish. I am Christian. Also, my companion is not Jew. He is an English Christian."

He stood in silence for a few moments and then said with a wave of his hand, "Jew, Christian. They are the same."

I shook my head no and replied, "Please. I don't mean to offend, but they are different."

"No! Jew and Christian fight for Israel," he responded angrily.

I responded again with a shake of my head, "Some Christians might fight for Israel, also some Muslims fight for Israel."

"You lie," he screamed.

"I am sorry," I quickly said in response. "I have heard that this is true, but I can not say for sure."

He calmed down some and then said, "Jews and Christian are the same."

I again shook my head, "I do not want to offend, but Jews and Christians are different. Christians believe, as do I, that Jesus is not only a holy prophet, but that he is Savior and Lord. Jews believe him to be only a holy teacher."

To that he responded, "Jesus is true. Koran says Jesus was the best of Allah's prophets. Another reason Jews must die."



*An Egyptian church planter risks his life every day in service to Christ*

By this time it was apparent that he was either not willing or not able to understand so I made another attempt to explain by saying, "I am Christian. I am not a Jew. I believe Jesus is my Savior and I will believe that until I die."

He then became somewhat mellow, but again pointed his rifle at me, and said, "Then so you

say, it will be. Make peace with Allah and with Jesus, for today you will meet both."

"Please," I quickly said in response. "Please will you read a portion of the Bible to me before you do what you do?"

"I have no Bible," he said with a look of question.

I had been sleeping in my clothes and I always carried a little pocket New Testament with me. I told him with a nod toward my shirt pocket, "I have one here in my shirt. Please, just open it and read to me wherever it opens."

"I see you want to be thinking of Allah on your last day." He said as he retrieved the New Testament from my shirt pocket and opened it up. He opened it to Romans 8.

"Yes," I said. "But more than that, I want to be

thinking of my love for Jesus and His love for me."

He did not respond. He merely began to read to me from Romans 8. When he reached Romans 8:28, I began to quote the verse out loud as he was reading, "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.*"

He stopped reading as I began to quote and waited for me to finish.

"This will work for good because I am called for Jesus' purpose," I said looking up to him from the ground.

He did not respond. He just walked away and again began to talk to the two other soldiers. By this time, Dr. James had begun to stir on the ground.

The soldier walked back over to me and as he did, he drew his knife from its scabbard. I felt that this was going to be my last moment on Earth.

He stopped in front of me, then reached down and helped me stand up. Next, he turned me around. For a brief moment that seemed like an eternity, I prepared myself for the inevitable. I anticipated his left hand grasping my hair, pulling my head backward as his right hand slashed the knife across my throat; but instead, to my amazement, he cut the plastic rope off of my wrists.

Needless to say, I didn't know what to expect next.

He then broke the silence by saying, "Even at a time of death, your last words would be of Jesus. He must be great."

I responded with tears in my eyes, "He is everything to me. Life would not be worth living without him."

"You say you have no support or allegiance for Israel in this time of our war of liberation?" He asked sternly.

"That is right." I said

"You will not fight on the side of Israel?" He asked sternly again.

"I will not." I said in response.

"Then go." He said with a wave of his hand toward the West. "And maybe when we have driven our enemy into the sea, I will see you again about your Jesus, who is so great to think about, at your moment of death."

With that, he walked over to Dr. James, who by then had revived, helped him to his feet and cut the plastic rope that was binding his wrists. I walked over to the three soldiers who were watching Dr. James

collect his bearings and thanked them for allowing us to leave. They said nothing in response. However, the one who had talked to me in English, nodded his head, and gave what could have been a very faint smile. They then turned and walked toward a military jeep that was about 100 meters away. Apparently it had been parked there the whole time, but I had not seen it until that moment.

As they walked away, I took out my handkerchief and began to wipe blood from off of Dr. James' head. I then told him that we needed to get out of there if he could travel. He had parked his 4-wheel drive vehicle about 50 meters away, under a rock outcropping. We did not stop to pack up anything. We just walked to the vehicle as quickly as possible and I began to drive us back towards Israel.

We had only driven about 5 miles when we met some Israeli military forces. They stopped us, and an Israeli officer asked us in Hebrew and then in English, who we were, and what we were doing in a war zone. We told them our names, what we were doing in Golan and explained what has just happened to us. While I was explaining all of this, a medic treated Dr. James' head wound. Finally, satisfied with our story, the Israeli officer told us to leave our vehicle and that he would have one of his men drive us back to Rosh Pina in Northern Israel and from there we could find our way back to Jerusalem. About an hour later, we safely arrived in Rosh Pina.

We finally got back to Jerusalem about a week later, but Dr. James never was able to retrieve his vehicle.

That was the first opportunity that the Lord provided for me to share the love of Christ with a Middle Eastern Arab Islamic. Since then, I have had the opportunity to travel to the Middle East numerous times, share Christ's love with hundreds, and establish several fellowship groups and churches, many in places where the Gospel of Christ has been prohibited for decades.

The Lord has been very gracious in allowing me the opportunity to travel many times to most of the Muslim-dominated countries in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Balkans. In fact, because of my professional position as an archaeologist and educator, our Lord has allowed me to enter countries that are closed to traditional Christian missionary workers. I am able to share Christ from a historical perspective, with the blessings of the governmental officials. As such, Christ is being shared, Muslims are coming to know Christ, Christian fellowships are being established, and they are actively growing throughout the Islamic dominated region of the Middle East, Northern Africa, and the Balkans.

Although there are hundreds of stories that I can

share with you about how our Lord Jesus has miraculously revealed Himself as the Truth to Muslims and how He has swung open wide doors of opportunity that have been tightly closed for over one thousand years, in this article I want to concentrate specifically upon one most unusual opportunity.

In a particular Muslim country (it would be dangerous to reveal the name of the country) in the mid-1990's, I had an opportunity to travel by bus as far as I could into the desert, and then by camel the remainder of the way, to an oasis about 200 miles west of one of the country's major cities. There, I met with a Bedouin Muslim (to protect him I will call him Omar, although that is not his real name) who had just been introduced to Jesus, but had as yet not accepted Him as Savior. I discussed Jesus with Omar



*A Bedouin home, it is made of sticks and grass which can be moved and transported by the family.*

for most of the night and then close to dawn, he accepted Christ as his Savior. I then had to travel by camel for four hours until I got back to a place where I could catch a bus back to the city. Three days later, I was able to return to the oasis, where Omar had not only realized what had happened to him, but he had converted six members of his family. That was the beginning of "the Bedouin Church;" the first Bedouin church to ever be established in that country. Over the next week, I traveled back and forth two more times to encourage them and to conduct a Bible study. On my last visit, Omar talked to me about the new church and about how it could grow.

He said that because of persecution, the church would have to move from oasis to oasis throughout the desert and probably meet at night, to protect them from detection. He also said that in order for other Bedouins to be able to come to the fellowship, they would usually need to travel by camel. But that most Bedouin families did not own camels, and if they did own one, they could not run the risk of loos-

ing it, if the church was ever detected. He explained to me that with the first offense, the governmental authorities would confiscate all property of all who were involved with the fellowship. With the second offense, they would be imprisoned or eliminated. So, even though Omar's desire was for the "church" to



*A Bedouin pastor preparing to deliver the camels Ron purchased. For his security, his face is covered.*



*A Bedouin pastor and his family who are serving without any financial support. Their identities also are disguised to protect their family from imprisonment and death.*

grow, he felt that transportation would be the biggest obstacle to prevent the growth. We then came up with the idea that I would raise money in order to buy camels for the church. They would in effect be Bedouin church buses. So, I returned to America to raise money in order to buy camels. Six months later I was able to return with \$3,000, enough to purchase 60 camels at the camel market. The church then used the camels to bring people in from all over the desert to come to oasis church.

To date, I have been able to purchase more than 200 camels and the Bedouin church has grown from that original 7 to now over 300, and is still growing. Every year I am able to raise money in America and then return to the country in order to buy more "Bedouin church buses." Not only is the church growing, but the Bedouin men whom the church has appointed as guardians of the camels, feel that they have been given a special responsibility by our Lord Jesus to care for His property. Usually Omar appoints one Bedouin to care for 2 church camels; the caretakers also serve as the "drivers," in that they go out to pick up the people from all over the desert, lead them back to the oasis where church is being held that evening, and then take the people back home. So, even without being "taught" the principles of Godly stewardship, they have learned those principles and consider it a great privilege to be given the opportunity to care for and to manage *Christ's camels*. In essence, they care for these camels more carefully than they do their own property and their own animals. So, if any of you who are reading this article would like to "buy a church camel," they cost on an average \$50 each. You can make the checks payable to Final Frontiers and designate your gift for "camels". I will be returning the summer of 2004 to purchase and deliver these camels to the Bedouins who live in the desert.

As we continue sharing with you our vision for the Islamic Middle East, Northern Africa and the Balkans, we will gladly share with you the dozens of stories of how God has miraculously intervened and how the Gospel of Christ is being presented to the Muslims throughout the Islamic world.

The region loosely identified as the Islamic Middle East and Northern Africa remains the largest of the world's least evangelized frontiers. Yet, Jesus commanded us to tell the Good News of His salvation to every nation and to *all* cultures—this includes the Islamic Middle East and Northern Africa.

Although we may not see the final successful results during our lifetimes, Final Frontiers has accepted our Lord's challenge regarding the Islamic Middle East and Northern Africa. Additionally, due to the Islamic presence there, we will also reach into European Albania and the Serbian region of Kosovo in the Balkans. I have spent much time in these areas as well and have started several churches there, one of which was actually begun, with permission, inside a mosque. This Islamic world is without a doubt, the ***largest of the world's least evangelized frontiers***. Please join us in prayer as we seek God's will and wisdom on how best to proceed in our quest to realize this great challenge.



## Take a Visionary trip to Egypt this spring

Lord willing, Ron will be leading three trips to Egypt this summer. One in May and two in June. He will be traveling with groups of archaeological students to do work among the pyramids and several historical sites where millions of people live, but are unreachable by the Gospel. These sites are forbidden for tourists to enter, but with Ron's credentials, the doors are open to him and those traveling with him.

Ron invites you to accompany him on one of these trips. Your days will be spent with in these forbidden areas, as well as touring the pyramids and listening to his on-site lectures. He will be making midnight deliveries of camels to the Bedouins as well.

This is a tremendous opportunity to travel to historical sites with an expert instead of just a tour guide. It will give you a chance to meet Egyptian Christians and share Christ with the lost. The cost of the trip is about \$2500 per person from your place of departure and includes all meals, lodgings, transportation, etc. If you are interested in more information, give Ron a call at: (770) 531-0180. *You must confirm with Ron by mid February to lock in this price.*

Please remember also that Ron is available for speaking at your church. His expertise is widely used as a speaker on missions, as well as Biblical Archaeology, Creation Sciences and Finances, as he was formerly an executive with Crown Financial Services. Ron is now scheduling meetings for 2004.

### What you will see on this trip (among other things):

- Typical Bedouin families. In the top photo you see a Bedouin mother cooking a meal over a fire that is fueled by dung from goats.
- Take a ride on the Nile (see photo on page 6)
- Ride on camels around the pyramids and enter tombs where "tourists" are not allowed
- Help in purchasing the camels that will be delivered to the Bedouin Christians in the desert. This will be done covertly at night and all those on the trip may not be able to accompany us on this venture. If you remain in the hotel, we will certainly appreciate your prayers!
- See pyramids like this one that the Egyptians believe was built by the grandson of Job. They believe the Great Pyramid was actually built by Job himself.



**A TEAM Report from ...**

**Liberia**

For information about TEAM projects, see page 15

**From:** Wesseh Bestman  
**Location:** Monrovia

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

\$150.00

**What were these funds used for?**

This quarter, we used the support to assist in rebuilding the Kingsville Number Seven church facility which was destroyed in the fighting. It is not completed yet - but soon.

**Dear TEAM sponsors:**

We want to say "thank you" for your faithful support. We are praying God to reward you a hundred fold for your sacrifices of love, prayers and finances for the work here in Liberia. We pray your holidays are tremendously fruitful and safe.

It has been a long haul recovering from the recent fighting this past summer - rainy season here in Liberia. We honestly do not know what we would do without your support. The money you send always comes at just the right time. When we sit and imagine what would be different if you did not believe in what God has called us all to do in spreading His Word - and then act on it - we are so broken and humbled at the marvelous way God provides through His body. As always, we are also reminded of how much can be done with what might seem to some as a little - and also with how much difference "a little" can make.

We have now been able to get back into all but two of our villages to begin rebuilding - in some cases physically, and in other emotionally and physically. Please continue to pray for Gbansue and Darnenema areas which are farther north. Pray also for continued disturbances in other parts of the country yet.

Souls are more receptive than ever, salvations are nearly more than we can know. Refugees were in our market building by the 1,000s during and after the fighting for awhile and we were able to lead many to Christ, and also help point or instruct them in getting their lives back together again.

Our personal money always makes it possible for us to "improve our food rations" and replace personables that otherwise get lost in the shuffle. We appreciate that so much. The children got taken on a taxi trip to town to enjoy a "pizza" - the first American food since we left America in Jan 2000. It was a great and much needed time of encouragement for them. The fighting was on top of us when it was going on and soldiers were often in our yard. That time out came not long after and was a great release, and build up for us all.

Never weary - the investment you are making will be seen in eternity. Pastors Zekeh and Hallie, and Pastor Barlingar are all doing very well and traveling every other weekend into the interior villages. New areas are targeted for the early part of the coming new year.

The Christian schools lost most of their materials in the villages but are struggling on - this is the only way the children will ever be able to read the Word of God for themselves. It is vital! The enrollment in the Monrovia school has passed the 200 mark we had prayed for four years ago. Praise God - He always brings His will to pass!

We love you all and thank you for your prayers and concern. We would love to hear from you all anytime.



**Final Frontiers**  
**SOCIETY**

During the month of December, the FFS was able to:

- Send 500,000 tracts to our contacts in Central Mexico
- Send 1,400,000 tracts to our contacts in northern Mexico
- Send \$1300 to purchase Bibles for Chinese Christians

We greatly appreciate the work being done by the Director of the FFS, John and Cindy White and their family.

If you share their burden of placing Bibles and tracts in the hands of the national Believers, we encourage you to support the Society for just \$10 monthly. That amount can provide for the purchase and delivery of up to:

- 8 Chinese Bibles or
- 3 Spanish Bibles or
- 50 Telegu New Testaments or
- 2500 Gospel tracts

## Welcome New Sponsors

Sponsor:	Preacher - Orphan - <i>TEAM</i> or <i>Final Frontiers Society</i> :	Country:
Dr. and Mrs. Rafael Igartua, TX	• Thomas Ambani	• Kenya
Women of the Word Class West Monroe Baptist, NC	• Koffi Lolonho Adjale-Suku	• Togo
Zoe Schuitmaker, MI	• Thomas Ambani	• Kenya
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Dennis and Judith Grimski, MI	• Sinn Chhoeun	• Cambodia
Neal and Sadie Bricker, MI	• Guillermo Rondina	• Philippines
Aaron and Anita Hyslop, MI	• Premdarsan Kochim	• India
Jet Food Store Prayer Team, GA	• Donka Vijaydanam • Gampala Yesuratnam	• India • India



**INTERNATIONAL  
Visionary Trips**

**January:**

Ghana  
Kenya  
Vietnam

**Feb. - March:**

India  
Vietnam  
Brazil

**May - June:**

Egypt

**September:**

Russia  
Belarus  
Georgia  
Siberia  
Kyrgyzstan  
Kazakhstan

**Oct. - Nov.:**

Thailand  
Cambodia  
Myanmar

**SCHEDULES**



**CHURCH  
MEETINGS**

**January:**

Swainsboro, GA  
Claxton, GA  
Fredericksburg, VA  
Suffolk, VA  
Waterford, MI (2)

**February:**

St. Mary's, GA  
Yulee, FL  
Callahan, FL  
Hilliard, FL



## From the Mail Bag...

Every trimester, those who support a preacher, TEAM or orphan receive a personal report verifying the receipt of their support and showing how it was used. Here are two samples.



### India

#### Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	1
villages evangelized	1
professions of faith	18
Converts baptized	18

**From:** Kolli Joshua  
**Sponsored by:** Lee's Summit Baptist Temple  
 Lee's Summit, MO

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you very much for your prayerful financial assistance. God is so great and helping me day after day and protecting me from the satanic elements. Satanic means the problems I am facing by the non-Christians.

As you know India is a non-Christian country and full of idol worshipers. But still I am able to win people to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recently I led a family to Christ. But after that I faced a terrible situation.

Some of the relatives of the family members whom I led to Christ, about 50 people, came to my house and surrounded the house and forcibly took me and my wife outside and beat both of us. The reason is not known. Actually I do not know who they are. But I was told they are some political people and the family I led to Christ is the head of a particular political group in that city. Actually that man has not complained but these people did, after they came to know that his family became Christians. They thought that because of this (salvation) they will say good bye to politics and lead a very good exemplary life. They don't like this.

***Since beginning their support for him in 1992 Kolli, along with his many "Timothys", has planted 62 churches in Andhra Pradesh, India. Words cannot express the gratitude he feels for the pastor and members of the Lee's Summit Baptist Temple. He was of course a church planter before their support began, but because of them he is full time in ministry now, causing his efforts to expand exponentially for the sake of Christ!***



### India

#### Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	2
villages evangelized	2
professions of faith	42
Converts baptized	42

**From:** J. Chinnabbabi  
**Sponsored by:** The Richard Leya family, SC

Dear Sponsor,

Thank you very much for your help. I am going to inform you one good thing as well as one bad thing.

Recently in two villages I conducted revival meetings. I received very good response from these villagers. At the time of invitation 42 people accepted Christ in these two villages. We do not have any place to give baptism like river or lake. So I told them to come to the nearby town.

All these 42 people, their relatives, myself and my wife went to the other town to give baptism. Thank God about 400 people gathered and singing songs and praising the Lord Jesus. Of course they are all not Christians but they are all the well-wishers of the saved people. This large number of people created suspicion and jealousy to the town people. So immediately they summoned the police. The police came and stopped the baptism service. The police want to question each individual about his decision.

After seeing the police some people left the place. But these 42 people are firm in their decision strong enough and given a written statement stating that they are taking baptism with their own consent. So from the people's side, there is no objection. Then the police become jealous after seeing many people are accepting Christ. So they informed me I can give baptisms tomorrow. So, I sent all of them away.

When I was returning the police unnecessarily without any reason beat me and my wife just with jealousy. No reasons. With suffering and mental torture we returned home. Of course next day I have given baptisms.

## Prayer and Praise Reports from around the world ...

*If you desire to help with any of these needs, designate your gifts accordingly*

### Chile

From Guillermo Salazar Ulloa  
National Director



... I went back to the hospital for a medical appointment. I went up to the floor where I had just been a patient to talk to

those whom I had led to Christ a few days earlier. First I spoke to the head nurse. I told her that this time I wasn't coming as a hospital patient, but as a pastor to visit the patients. The nurse said, "no". So I explained to her that the law in Chile now allows all evangelical pastors free entry to visit patients in the hospital at any time of day. (Remember that Chile is a very Catholic country.) The nurse insisted she would not let me in so I asserted my rights as a citizen and kept insisting until she finally let me go in to visit two wards. I was able to give out tracts and some Bibles and also to visit with the people.

After that, I went to the Director's office. The director did not give me an audience that day, but he did the next day. I gave him my complaint and reminded him of the religious laws in Chile. The Director had to accept what I was saying. Then I gave him a written document with the names of two evangelical pastors that live near the hospital (Guillermo is the president of Baptist Pastors in Chile). The two pastors (whom I had spoken with moments before) will now have free access to visit the hospital in order to evangelize and comfort the sick.

### Philippines

From John Honeycutt  
Final Frontiers Associate, National Director



Thousands received Christ recently in a major outreach in Manila. Over 100 churches are furiously taking care of new disciples.

Next month each of these churches are sending 30 to 40 of their Disciples to me for training. I need your help to provide these 4,000 Disciples with discipleship lessons.

At their own expense, the Disciples will xerox the pages of the lessons for their disciples. But we need to get the lessons to the Disciples. As of today, I have \$1500 and need to gather \$4,500 more for this project. Please help today and thank you for any consideration.

### Cambodia

From Vek Huong Taing  
National Director



The Christmas Celebrations on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> both at the church and at the restaurant went very well. Nearly 2,000

people came to the Christmas Celebration at the church for those two days, and there were 1,330 people came to the Christmas Dinner Celebration at the restaurant.

We invited all television stations in the city to come to the Christmas Celebration at the church. They started to broadcast in their last night's Newscast and in today's Newscast too. We are very glad for having Christ's name known to this Buddhist society through the TV's Newscast. May all the glory go to our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the past few months, I have been busy to work on the project of the relocation of our radio station. We bought our radio antenna and radio transmitter. Please pray that God will provide all needed funds to make our radio project possible in February. Below is the needed items which we need to have them now, in order that we can start the work for our radio project to be ready for February 2004 when the gentleman from HCJB comes to install the equipment.

- Permit for the building and the antenna tower: \$1,500
- Bring the electricity line to the radio land: \$4,325
- Antenna tower: \$9,600
- One transmitter building: \$13,000

The fence around the land was done already through the donation of one Cambodian Christian woman in Phnom Penh.

As of today, I received \$11,700 toward the relocation of this radio project. By faith, next week we will start working on this project and trust God to help us making this project possible by February 2004.



## Sponsorship Information

- 1**     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. Your \$35 sponsorship also includes \$10 support of our ministry (unless you direct us otherwise). This gives our foundation funds to operate with as well as providing assistance to preachers who do not yet have sponsorship. Typically up to half of this amount is used overseas. If you prefer your total support to go to your preacher, all you need to do is inform us and we will comply to your request.

As a sponsor you should 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 record in church planting and discipleship.
- 2**     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 useful. The purpose of the **TEAM** funding is to provide each country with money to be used for such things as printing literature, buying bicycles for the traveling evangelists, building a church or Bible school, emergency relief, feeding widows and funding preachers who do not yet have a sponsor, 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.
- 3**     Sponsorship of **Child Care**, gives assistance to an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child. The \$35.00 monthly sponsorship provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and educational assistance.

All orphanages and home placement programs 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. Sponsorship distribution for the child is identical to that of the preachers (see #1)
- 4**     Membership in the **Final Frontiers Society** is \$10.00 monthly and is used to purchase and distribute Bibles. Many national pastors and Believers do not own a copy of God's Word. FFS membership funds, help to turn the dream of having their own Bible, into a reality.

## Now it's your turn ...

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: (home) _____ (office) _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Please contact me about hosting a <b>missions prayer meeting</b> in my home. I have friends I would like to invite to hear a ministry presentation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is a new address or phone number.</p>
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**Enclosed is my donation of: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **to be applied to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact me regarding sponsorship of:**

<p>___ a national preacher</p> <p>___ an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child</p> <p>___ other _____</p>	<p>___ a country's <i>TEAM</i></p> <p>___ membership in the Final Frontiers Society</p>
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**Reports received from the final frontiers ...**

Reports received since the last Progress Report (two months ago) indicate there were ...	Totals from all reports received since our beginning in December 1986 indicate there have been ...	A current total of all statistics indicate there are currently ...
312 Churches Started	20,932 Churches Started	1,280 Preacher Sponsorships
717 Villages Evangelized	76,158 Villages Evangelized	101 TEAM Sponsorships
8,551 Professions of Faith	607,269 Professions of Faith	83 Orphans Supported
4,735 Believers Baptized	204,999 Believers Baptized	58 Countries involved



Recently with the gift of just \$4000, the Final Frontiers Society was able to print one million Gospel tracts in the Telegu language of Andhra Pradesh India. The photo at left shows some of the pastors preparing to return to their villages to distribute the tracts and preach the Gospel.

One of our national directors wrote the tract and titled it to answer the question he is asked most often by the unbelievers in his state:

**Who is Jesus Christ?**