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JIMMY, at left, stands with a group of tribal preachers and their wives, who travel with him spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to millions, who have never before heard His name. These are among the hundreds of "Timothys" he has trained thus far.

Thailand, Burma, Laos, China, Bhutan, Tibet...no country seems to be immune to the ministry of Jimmy Tachinam (adopted name) and his army of trained church-planters, who storm the gates of hell daily, preaching the Gospel to the Akha, Rawang, Jinghpo, Lisu, Karen, Wa, Lahu, and Hmong tribes (and that's just a partial list).

From remote, mountain top Bible schools, these preachers and their helpers go forth to boldly proclaim the Gospel to

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Currently, we minister in Thailand, India, Bhutan, Tibet, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia (Kampuchea), Viet Nam, Laos, China, Nicaragua, Honduras and Mexico (Primarily in countries closed to American missionaries, but open to FINAL FRONTIERS, because of our unique method of missions.)

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It is our belief that the training and subsidizing of national and native preachers, is the most efficient and effective method of global evangelism. As such, we seek to raise prayer and financial support from Believers in America for God's servants abroad.

Selection of those we sponsor is dependent upon their doctrinal beliefs, need, and worthiness. We seek to support only those who are serving by faith, never those who are waiting for a salary in order to serve. World-wide, the average preacher in a third-world country needs as little as \$25.00 each month to survive.

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WOMEN'S PRISON

UPDATE

Written by Joycelyn Salanguste, the women's leader in the Bangkwan Women's Prison, Bangkok, Thailand.

Joycelyn's sponsors:

Pat Kordusky - WV
Shannon Miller - GA

My mother and I are doing fine and surviving, despite our condition here. Thank God we have our Saviour to protect us and give us joy, peace and much blessings. He is wonderful and I can't thank Him enough for all the blessings He's pouring in my life...

Our church is still going on, most of those who attend are from Catholic background. They thought they were saved because they know who Jesus is. I recently spoke to them on the subject, "Are you prepared for the judgement day?" You should have seen their reactions as I read the different scriptures. After the Bible study, they all got scared when they knew where they would go if they died in their sins. They realized they were not saved, and nine of them accepted Christ that day! One of them was a Muslim...

Pat Kordusky is still in contact with me and she sends me books and Chick tracts, which everybody likes to read...

LEFT: Susan (center) one of the Americans who accepted Christ in prison, was recently pardoned by the king of Thailand. She stands with Charles and Lourdes Holmes.





THE
JON NELMS
FAMILY

JON
JUANITA
DANIEL
SARA BETH

The work continues to grow! All along it has been our desire to subsidize the works of national and native preachers. At first, tradition caused such a "concept" to be a hurdle, too high for many to jump. As more and more has been accomplished with less and less, (thru the sacrifices of these preachers), many have adopted this philosophy into their missions budget. It has been proven to be an effective method of spreading the Gospel, especially in closed countries.

Yet in all of this, we never want to give the impression that we are opposed to the sending of a non-national to the mission field. Of course, there would have to be guidelines, and a willingness on the American's part, to live like the people he ministers to. I knew the day would come when such men would contact us wanting to serve in this work, I just never thought it would happen so soon. This week, I have been contacted by three such men and their families. I am asking you to pray that God will give us wisdom to know how to approach this expansion of the work. But be assured, we will never defer from our main purpose of subsidizing the national preachers!

Along those lines, we are about to welcome the pastor of one of our supporting churches, to the ranks of those volunteers who actively involve themselves in raising funds for the ministry, and in visiting the mission field themselves. (more on that later) Such involvement guarantees this to remain a "local church" ministry.

As you read this report, I am in Central America, preaching the Gospel in Honduras and Nicaragua. We are prepared to preach at a military base, in villages during the day, and in arenas at night. We expect to be filmed and aired on national television as well. Pray for a great harvest of souls for the Lord; for the ten newly supported preachers there, and the fourteen newly supported preachers in Bombay and Calcutta, India.

Yours for souls,

All the photographs below are from last months MIS



KHUN CHIT was a drunk. He always had time to drink with his friends. When invited to study English, he heard the Gospel and accepted Christ. Seeing the change in his life, his wife Somboone began to attend the services and was saved. They now host a weekly Bible study in their home. Khun Chit is enrolled in Bible School. (See pg. 11 of last months MISSIONS PROGRESS REPORT).



The lady on the left envolved KHUN PHOO (right) in drugs. Khun Phoo came to our newest church and was saved. Afterwards, she encouraged her friend to attend church and she was saved too. Together, they pose outside the new church facility. Such churches are begun as the result of free English classes. They last for three years, in which time, most students are converted, and the pastor is strengthened at the Rom Phrakhun Baptist Bible Institute and camp.



Because of Buddhist teachings, many Thai believe that Godly intimacy is not good. New converts must be trained to "love their wives" as Christ loved the Church". The influence of a Godly deacon (Boone) and his wife (Piak), help to foster such understanding and serve as an excellent example. (Refer to page 8 of last months MISSIONS PROGRESS REPORT).

in reference to various articles
SIONS PROGRESS REPORT.

Several Bible Institute students went with Vithaya to his Karen tribal village in the mountains. There they preached Jesus and taught songs to the Karen (pronounced Ku-'ren) children. The Karen, who live in Thailand and Burma, were first reached by converts of Adoniram Judson. Of the one million plus Karen known to exist, 750,000 claim to be born again Christian. The challenge to reach the remote mountain top villages has been accepted by Vithaya.



Vithaya, with his father, and Aithip with her mother, pose for a picture at their wedding in the Bangkhen Baptist Church. Though a student until next year, he and his bride are already involved in church planting! The purpose in the education is not to teach them "how to start churches", their pastors have taught them that, by experience, rather it is to equipt them to do a better job of it, when it is their time to teach others.

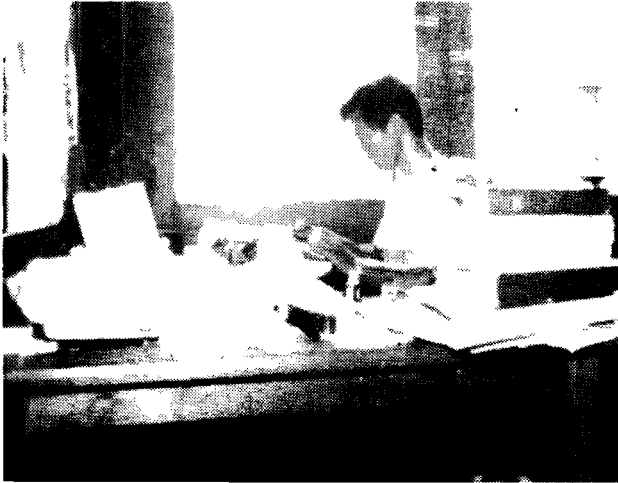


Sawitree has been mightily used of God to share the Gospel with the Thai, whose language she had to learn, and with the Akha tribe, of which she is a member. She helps the preachers find their way into the jungle to locate various Akha villages, then she assists them in interpretation. In this photo, she is seen witnessing to an Akha lady. One million Akha have still not heard of Jesus!



JIMMY TACHINAM

edited by Jon Nelms



Jimmy works on Scripture and Hymn translations without pay from the American missionaries who had been contracted to do the work.



Jimmy (left) is sending some of his preacher-helpers to Laos with funds donated by FINAL FRONTIERS. There, in addition to preaching, they will distribute Bibles, blankets, medicine and mosquito nets, which will help in fighting a malarial epidemic.

My name is Jimmy Tachinam. I was born in 1940 to an ignoble family, in the region where Burma, Tibet, China and India meet, where the snow never melts. When I was very young, my parents died. During World War II, I saw two planes flying in the air and fighting each other.

After finishing Middle School (grade 9), I studied Bible for two years and taught at a school, where I also served as Headmaster for five years.

In 1965 I was appointed at the Rawang (tribal) Bible Translation Center, in Putao, to assist American missionaries in translating the Scriptures. For seven years I worked on hymn and Scripture translation, while I studied in High School during the evenings. In 1971, I moved into Thailand and began making radio sermons for the Rawang and Kachin tribes. I am Rawang.

While living in Thailand, I began evangelizing among the Akha and Lahu tribes. During that time, I trained young men to do the work of the ministry. In fact, I trained 120 men and Bible-women (helpers), and established churches in 40 Akha villages and 26 Lahu villages. We converted and baptized over 2000 Laotian refugees in Thailand. Of those, more than 100 families have been relocated in the state of California in America. During this time, I translated hymnbooks for the Akha, Lahu, Rawang, Naga, and Hmong tribes.

While I have been very busy in evangelism, I have also felt it important to be training others to preach the Gospel.

About five years ago, I started the Zion Hill Short Term Bible School, after the pattern of the Putao Bible School I had started earlier in northern Burma. The students are all preachers and Bible-women who help start churches. They do not all have the Bible in their languages, so we began the school to help teach them. Because we had problems with the Thai local officials, they required us to close our school. Soon they allowed us to reopen, but we cannot meet continually. Therefore, the students come for training one to two weeks monthly, then return home.

I now have 60 young preachers working with me. seventeen of these are in Yunnan, China. Together we evangelize in Thailand, China, Laos, Burma, India and Tibet. Upon establishing a church, several men will remain as the rest of us continue on to other villages establishing more churches. Sometimes these preachers have to travel many days to attend our classes. Because of this, we have begun making cassette recordings of the classes, and sending them to the churches. For this project, we need many used tape recorders.

Several years ago, while I was very busy, my wife became ill and this discouraged me. Something has happened to her brain and the doctors cannot help. It was during this time that I met Brother Jon Nelms, and his (FINAL FRONTIER'S) gifts greatly encouraged me, and helped to pay our medical bills. The \$100.00 sent each month also enabled me to assist four Lahu evangelists. The help came at the right time. So far this year, my wife has not been



This house is the "chapel" of the Zion Hill Bible School. It is made entirely of bamboo and reeds. Such a building not only is accepted by the people culturally, (as it is made in the Akha style and stands in an Akha village); but also costs nothing to erect, materially speaking. Such financial frugality allows FINAL FRONTIERS to invest your funds in men, rather than mortar.



Students at a Short Term School at the Mye Myint Church in Myitkyina, Kachin State, Burma.



Jimmy's family includes:
 (back row, left to right):
 his wife Ibee (left),
 Somchyai (14), Pong Ram (22),
 Suvit (16),
 (front row, left to right):
 Seinsar (6,), Ladda (10,),
 Sumittra (8,), Somkhit (12),
 Nen Sar (female, 19, not
 photographed)



This Chinese mother and daughter received a copy of the New Testament in their language, translated by Jimmy. It was delivered to them by some of his student-preachers.

troubled.

Since 1986 we have built bamboo houses which have helped us to train 20 young men and ladies of the Akha tribe. Paul, who I led to Christ, and JaVong, my father-in-law, assist me in training these students. Our plan is to use these students to reach the Akha in Thailand, Viet Nam, Laos and China. There are many who have not heard the Gospel. In China, there are more than 90,000 Akha waiting to hear about Jesus. I hope you can help us with support for these young preachers. For the 20 students, we need only about \$300.00 monthly (\$15.00 each).

Recent reports from the students returning from China stated that more than sixty people accepted Christ among the Rawang, Zewang, and Ganong tribes. All this by our missionary-evangelist students from Thailand. They were able to give Bibles and hymnbooks to some, but we need many more.

Please pray for my family and our ministry for Christ, that together we can expand the kingdom of God on this earth. If God leads you to help in our project, please do so. Since we are independent we have nobody else to turn to but you. Maybe you are God's instrument for us. There are so many more to tell about Jesus, so we need encouragement and strength in our task.

Aw Tu, Baw Du, Ya Tu, Aso, Paul, Simon and Ja Pe send their greetings. We are hoping for your next visit with us. The church at Nonghpam which Ai Yi began is strong. Ai Sing and Ai Khum, who are working with the Laotians in Nan and Chiengrai province, still need sponsors for their works.

POSTSCRIPT:

When I first met Jimmy Tachinam, I felt that I had come in contact with one of God's choicest servants. After more than four years, I still feel that way. Jimmy is untiring in his service for Christ. In fact, among the preachers is the agreement that no one works harder than Jimmy.

In addition to being a strong preacher, he is also musically gifted, and can play almost any instrument given to him. Besides translating hymns, he also composes hymns and scripture songs, according to the tribal melodic intricacies peculiar to the twelve tribes, whose languages he speaks. Jimmy himself has a strong bass voice. The believers refer to him as a "song bird". Every visitor I have taken to see his works has stood in amazement, listening to these "stone-age" believers singing in four-part harmony.

Jimmy could live comfortably on the \$100.00 we send him monthly. Instead, he shares it with other men, who do not yet have sponsors. Sometimes, he will purchase several acres of land for a tribal church, so that they cannot be forced off by the local Thai and lose their crops. Two years ago, Jimmy completed a nice wooden house, protected from floodwaters, by being perched on stilts. Before long, there were more preachers needing support. Jimmy sold his house and gave the money to the preachers. Now he lives in the border town of Mae Sai. His house is made of concrete blocks. His bathroom and water supply is outside. His floor is dirt, and he is happy.



At left, Jimmy is teaching a group of young "Timothys" how to sing in four-part harmony. They in turn will teach others. Over mountain tops and echoing into the valleys and ravines of Asia and Southeast Asia, the Gospel of Christ will be sung and preached as a result of his ministry, and your prayers and financial gifts to FINAL FRONTIERS.



In Yang Gong Village, Burma, believers gather to celebrate their RISEN AND LIVING LORD.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NATIONS OF ASIA?

BANGLADESH:

The modern missions movement began in this nation nearly 200 years ago. Today, the estimated Christian population is 0.1%.

BHUTAN:

All public worship, evangelism and proselytization is illegal. There are about 1,200 Protestants meeting in house groups. There are only about 10 known believers among the Drukpa majority. Only the Gospel of Mark is available in Dzongkha, the national language.

BRUNEI:

Islam is the state religion. The free practice of other religions is guaranteed, but missions are not allowed to operate. No evangelism is permitted among the Muslims, and there are no known believers who have come from this community.

BURMA:

Buddhism is no longer the state religion, but it comprises 87% of the total population. Missionary work began in 1813 with the work of Adoniram Judson and today Protestants comprise 4.7% of the total population. The church has experienced steady growth at nearly 4% annually. The most remarkable growth has taken place among the Tribal people.

CHINA:

China is by far the largest nation on the earth, comprising about 22% of the world's population. The elimination of all religious groups has always been the ultimate aim of the Marxist government. Present government policy is to tolerate religious belief and allow worship under government supervision. At one point there were 8,500 missionaries in China. Today, there are none. Possibly 500 million have yet to hear the gospel for the FIRST time. Seventy percent of the population have only lived under Communist rule.

HONG KONG:

With 5,108 people per sq. km., this nation is one of the most densely populated areas of the world. There are over 900 Taoist and Buddhist temples in Hong Kong. Ten percent of the population is involved in the underworld of crime and secret societies. The countdown to 1997 dominates the thinking of the citizens. Pray that the church will be larger and stronger before this rapidly approaching deadline.



DID YOU KNOW...

...the "piggy bank" was originally created by mission societies as a fund raising method to provide missionaries in China with money to buy piglets?

...early missionaries to Africa packed their belongings in coffins because they had such a short life expectancy?

...tropical diseases generally claimed their lives within only one year of arriving on the mission field?

...medical missions originated with the intention to prolong the life of missionaries, not the nationals?

... that given present conversion rate to Christianity, it is estimated that by the turn of the century, black African Christian will outnumber those in the West?

...according to the Sudan Interior Mission, the Christian population in Zaire, during the decade that spanned from 1968-1978 (a time when all missionaries had been expelled), grew from less than one million to more than six million?

...that by the year 1900, the Christian population in the Pacific islands comprised a larger percentage of their population, than did the Christians in America or Canada?

...in New Guinea, there were once more missionary graves than there were native converts?

SPEAKERS

SCHEDULE

The following cities will host men representing the ministries of FINAL FRONTIERS from January 1 thru February 20, 1991.

For information on the times, dates and locations, call 1-800-522-4324.

JON NELMS:
Summerville, SC
Melbourne, FL
Columbus, GA

Pray for Jon's Central America trip in January.

LEWIS NELMS:
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Mattawan, MI
Hershey, PA
Mechanicsburg, PA
Danville, PA
Pittsburg, PA
Greensburg, PA
Uniontown, PA
North Platte, NE
Luverne, MN
Cedar Rapids, IA

YOUR TURN

I want to make an investment for eternity thru the work and workers of FINAL FRONTIERS.

1 - Please find enclosed my one-time gift of: \$ _____

2 - I can help with support each month of: \$ _____

3 - Please apply my contribution to:

_____ a native or national preacher

(name) _____

_____ a FINAL FRONTIERS missionary:

(name) _____

_____ wherever needed most

Through the funding and prayers of American Believers, and the labors of national and native preachers; we endeavor to effectively present the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where it has never been preached before. Pray for us as we do.

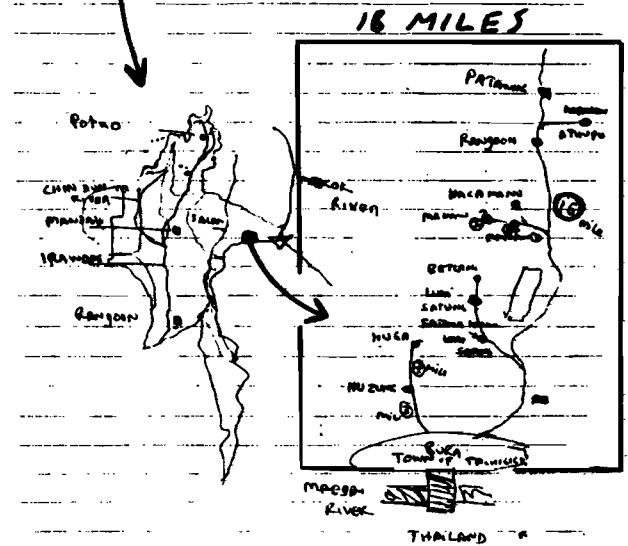
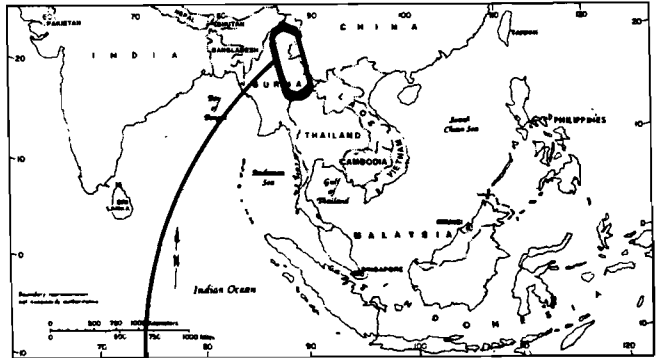
churches started to date 131
salvation decisions 20,000 +

In order to help I have:
 ___ read the MPR
 ___ prayed for the workers
 ___ sent in a contribution
 ___ referred this ministry to a friend or pastor

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those who have never before heard it. For over four years it has been the privilege of FINAL FRONTIERS to help subsidize the ministry of this valiant servant of God.

In the drawing below, Jimmy illustrates the location of ten churches he has started within 16 miles of the Thai border, inside of Burma. Collectively, there are 185 families, totaling more than 1700 people, who have been saved and baptized by this man and his workers. And all of this in only this small 16 mile strip you see hand-drawn below.



For more information on this man and his ministry, see page 6.

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