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Jashibo (far left), stands with hungry members of the new church at Hona Village, Burma. See the story below and on pg. 4

The following is an excerpt quoted directly from our most recent letter from Jashibo.

Tachilek, Myanmar (Burma)

Dear best brother Jon,

I and my family are well and striving and overcome Satan and able have founded a new Lahu church at Hona Village in Burma. During this year I gathered together from many different places and placed a Christian village and finished the church continued on back...

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Currently, we minister in Thailand, Assam, India, Bhutan, Tibet, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia (Kampuchea), Viet Nam, Laos, China and Mexico. (Primarily in countries closed to American missionaries, but open to FINAL FRONTIERS, because of our unique method of missions.) Various outreach ministries include: Bible translation and distribution, radio and television broadcasts, camps, Bible schools, outdoor evangelistic campaigns, prison ministries, correspondence courses in Biblical studies, and most importantly, church planting through the efforts of our missionaries and the national and native preachers supported by this foundation. Additionally, for missionaries and Believers in America, we also offer mission trips and training.

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.

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JOIN US IN URBAN MINISTRY

In 1900, only 10% of the world lived in urban areas. By the year 2000, 80% of the world will. Help us reach them now!

SPEAKERS

SCHEDULE

The following cities will host men representing the ministries of FINAL FRONTIERS from November 1 thru December 9, 1990.

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

JON NELMS:
Swainsboro, GA
Orlando, FL
Signal Mountain, TN
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LEWIS NELMS:
Cedar Rapids, IA
Boone, IA



THE
JON NELMS
FAMILY

JON
JUANITA
DANIEL
SARA BETH

It has been four years now since God changed our lives by allowing me to visit the mission field of Southeast Asia. In that time, we have seen over 131 new churches begun and over 20,000 souls saved! Currently we are seeing a new church begin (on average) every nine days! That is truly remarkable!

I have spoken with Pastor Esposito in Long Beach, CA, and he feels that the trip to Cambodia is still on. Please pray for his efforts to organize the city-wide evangelistic campaign we are planning for Phnom Penh next summer.

Pastor Kiatisak has returned to Thailand, but not before we were able to see a number of folks accept Christ as Savior among the Laotian population of Des Moines, Iowa. One lady who had arrived in America, only the night before, came to the service and was saved. In three months, she will have to return to Laos, but in doing so, she will be able to carry the Gospel to her family there.

In a few weeks, I'll be back in Mexico gathering more information from the preachers we are recommending to you for support. They are hard working men who are accomplishing much for the Gospel of Christ in their own land, as well as in India and Australia, where they support their own missionaries!

My family is doing well, now that we are over the various flus that have hit this area. I appreciate your prayers on our behalf, as well as the support you offer us and this ministry. We are continually seeing good results in the churches where we speak. I truly believe God is preparing to do something great in world missions thru His servants in America (once again). I pray we and you will be worthy to be a part of His moving and will be found faithful when Christ arrives.

Yours for souls,

Jon Nelms



Jashibo, Na Mi and Jacob. Not pictured here is his daughter Na Law Bo.

JASHIBO

edited by Jon Nelms:

I believe that our God is the true God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and through Him I have eternal life and have the opportunity to go to the Father. The Holy Spirit of God is my

guide, my comforter and my strength. I believe that the Word of God is spiritual food for all Christians, and so I am teaching the Word of God in all of my churches.

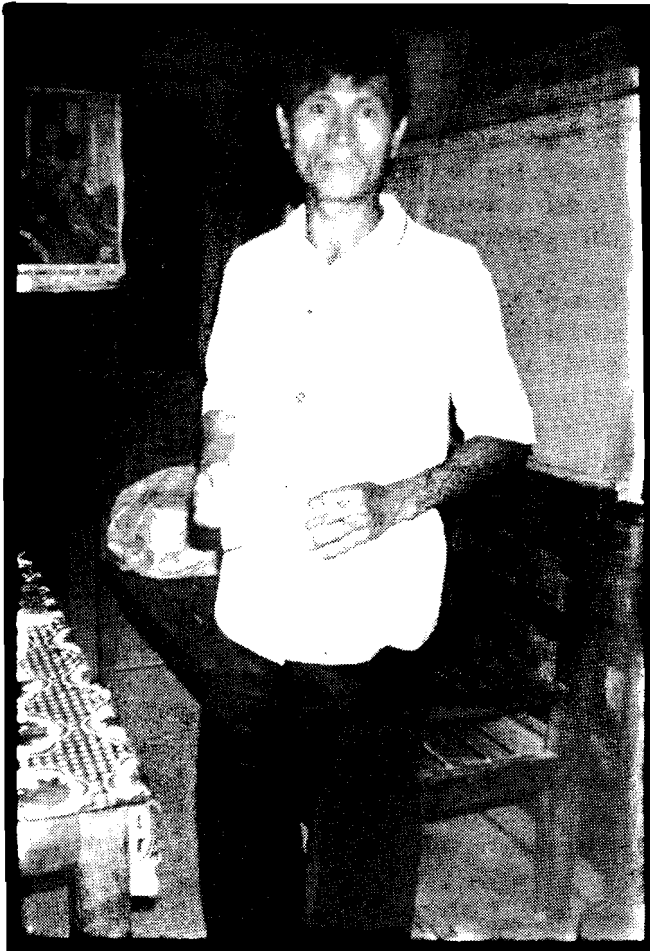
When I was thirteen years of age, I was moved with my parents and two cousins into a Christian village of the Lahu tribe, to which I belong. There I began attending school and learned of Jesus' Christ. After believing in Him as my Savior in 1966, I was baptized by my pastor Ja Heh. In 1965 my wife Na Mi was baptized at the Bangwai Christian Lahu Village, which was a part of the Burma Baptist Mission.

As I grew in Christ, I began to study at the Short Term Bible Training Center across the border in Thailand. As I completed my course of training there, I moved to study at the Yannai Christian Village in the Shan State of Burma, which is near the borders of Thailand and Laos.

While I was studying I served as an evangelist. During the week days I would plant rice in the paddies and help my pastor by serving as a deacon.

Three years ago, God led me to leave my village and began serving Him full-time. I now work for God independently of any board or headquarters. That is to say that I work alone with the men that I am training for the work of God. In this time I have started four churches. In my life, I have helped to start ten churches.

I have no other jobs that I work



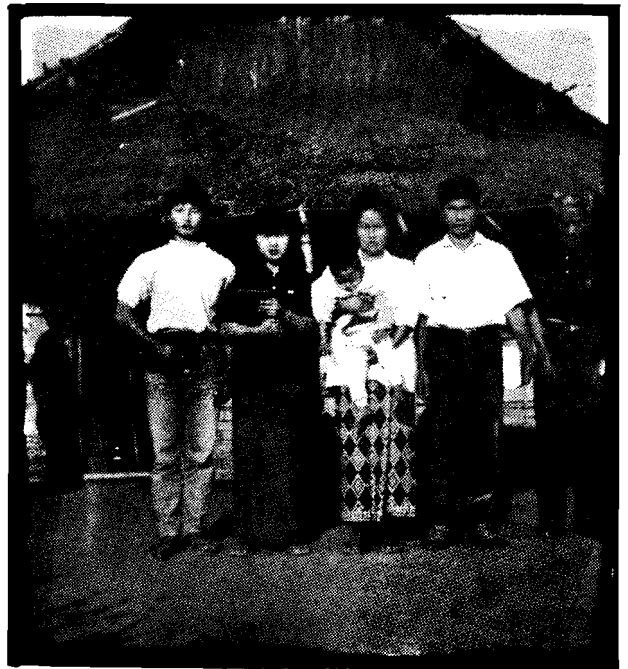
we must invest the funds you send to us in the ministry. When I can return in time, I will eat with my family, but sometimes traveling in the jungles becomes slow, especially in the rainy season. If I cannot get home, I will eat whatever is provided for me, or whatever I can find in the jungles.

I feel that my family is a good example for the other families. We have no arguments, but instead, we have peace and fellowship. We pray together for the new churches to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jashibo, second from right (age 37), with his wife Na Mi (age 36), thier son Jacob (age 2), and daughter Na Law Bo (age 17), with two recent converts.

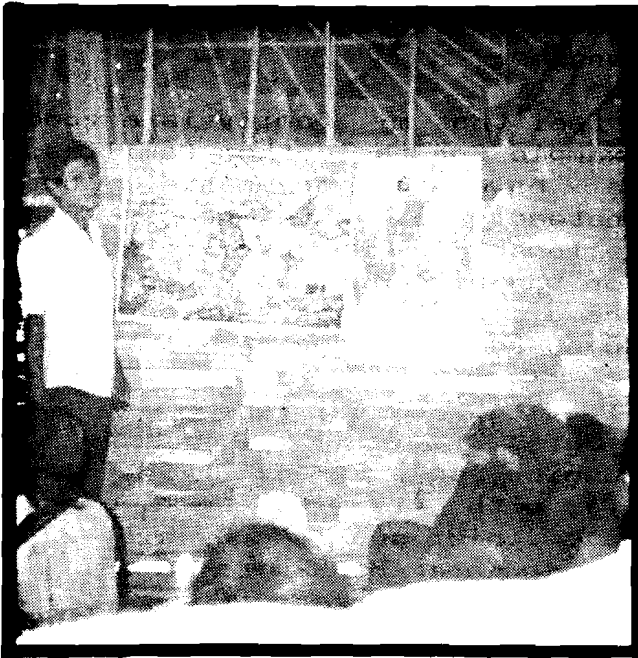
Jashibo receives funds from FINAL FRONTIERS to use for his personal and ministry needs.

to earn a living. My family feeds pigs and chickens, and we seed rice a little bit to earn our own support. I never have free time to work other jobs because I am working among the four new churches I have started. During the days now, my wife and daughter, Na Law Bo, grow rice for our family. In the evening they return to our house which is made of bamboo in the Lahu tribal style. There they will eat a meal of rice. We would like to have some different foods sometimes, but there is no way. We feel that



God blesses us so much. We are receiving food three times each day now.

Jashibo is teaching from Bible Picture Rolls at Mamoda Village Church.



I do not have any free time now because I am working very hard among the four newly converted villages. Day and night I teach, sing and preach, as well as leading them in devotions. In this work there is no income, no helper (though I am training some men to eventually take over the churches), and no one to support me. Usually the villages would make contributions to the work, but they are all very poor. There is little money among them. There is a reason. Some time back before their conversion, these people had fled Burma during the recent revolution, and had moved into Thailand. There they lived for a while as

refugees, until one day, the Thai soldiers came and drove them back into Burma. There they settled deep in the jungles to be away from the government. They have not been established long enough to develop crops or an income.

Even though they are unable to help me, I serve as their pastor and evangelist, by starting new churches. I was called to serve Christ by the Spirit of God and the Christians and non-Christians alike ask me to teach them. What else can I do? I have no mission to support me, in fact, FINAL FRONTIERS is my only supporter. You are the first to ever give me help.

I cannot maintain records thoroughly of all God is doing among my people, but I can give an account of what He has done through us in our four churches:

Since February 28, 1988, I have baptized 7 people in Sakhan Village.

Since March 6, 1988, I have baptized 24 people in Baho Village.

Since May 1, 1988, I have baptized 43 people in Yang Gong Village.

Since November 6, 1988, I have baptized 21 people in Hona Village.

All together, we have baptized 95 people in these villages. In addition, I am now instructing another 88 families. In our four churches, there are a total of 450 grown-up people.

In my service for the Lord, I

need a cassette tape recorder and one camera, so that I could send photos of the work to FINAL FRONTIERS. Among the other items needed would be a bicycle and a lamp for the night services.

Because I am serving in four different villages among a people that are nearly starving, I feel I could minister more effectively if I could receive about \$100.00 monthly. This would help me provide for the needy and cover travel expenses and supplies (like Bible flip charts) for each church.

Thank you for all of your help to us.

POSTSCRIPT:

Jashibo currently receives \$25.00 each month from the FINAL FRONTIERS general fund. If you would be interested in being his full or partial sponsor, please write, or call 1-800-522-4324. We will provide you with an application and photos. During the year, you will read more about his works in future issues of the "MISSIONS PROGRESS REPORT", as well as receive copies of the reports he sends to us (at least twice a year).

This is an excellent opportunity for a family or Sunday School class to have a direct influence in spreading the Gospel in countries closed to American missionaries, like Burma, Laos and China.

Let us hear from you soon! Our address is always found at the bottom left-hand column on page two.



ABOVE: The men break and level the ground for their new church building in Burma.

BELOW: This new structure will be made of bamboo and reeds in the traditional Lahu tribal style.



 PRIMARY PEOPLE GROUP STATISTICS:
 FOR ASIA



	Total Groups	Total Dialects	Unreached Peoples	Recordings	Bibles	Special Need
Bangladesh	40	47	16	15	16	7
Bhutan	9	25	4	4	2	4
Brunei	11	11	0	2	10	0
Burma	118	214	48	60	24	42
China	136	343	64	35	25	70
Hong Kong	13	13	10	3	1	0
India	494	1171	292	262	74	132
Indonesia	752	1413	619	276	30	361
Japan	22	29	18	2	3	0
Kampuchea	17	25	6	10	4	5
Korea, North	1	1	0	1	1	0
Korea, South	13	21	12	1	1	0
Laos	88	155	39	45	9	34
Macao	3	3	1	1	1	1
Malaysia	135	219	44	24	17	73
Maldives	1	1	1	0	0	1
Mongolia	9	18	1	2	1	5
Nepal	85	147	38	50	8	27
Pakistan	68	157	26	35	9	19
Philippines	199	402	114	90	34	25
Singapore	12	12	4	8	3	0
Sri Lanka	6	7	3	1	2	1
Taiwan	22	31	16	14	9	0
Thailand	92	147	69	36	16	21
Vietnam	69	186	9	34	14	29

"HOW then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and HOW shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? and HOW shall they hear without a preacher?"



TESTIMONY OF NITAYA THONGPRASERT

I was born into a Buddhist family with no concept of God at all. I was a fanatic in my false religion, and made merit by offering food and money to the priests and doing different rituals required by the monks in the temple. Often with my sister, I would travel long distances to make merit.

My family had many problems, but the greatest was that my father has four wives. His income is barely enough to feed all of us children. My mother is his primary wife, but one of the lesser wives lives with us. She persecutes us often. My mother is very unhappy and cries all the time. Sometimes I would wonder why I was born. There was no meaning in my life at all. I wanted to leave my home to escape my problems, but I had to stay to care for my mother and siblings.

One day I got a job at the Thai-American Textile Company. My friends there persuaded me to study English at the Baptist Church Student Center. They told me that the Gospel workers there required them to study the

Bible after English classes.

When I first heard the Gospel story I was against it. I was afraid to become a Christian because that would hurt my parents and they would be angry with me.

One day I heard the story of Jesus who was willing to die on the cross to redeem me from my sins. I never would have thought that anyone was willing to die for me, but Jesus willingly gave His life for me! I studied the Bible until I realized it was true, and surely it is the Word of God. On that day I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and now my burden is lighter! My life was changed! Before I used to sit alone thinking of my family and was very unhappy. But now I am full of joy and rejoicing in my new-found faith. Now I have something to live for! I pray for the salvation of my family members and witness to each one of them often. I believe my family will be saved in the future.

Now I am studying the Bible, and in the future will be a full-time worker for my Savior. I can never thank God enough for eternal life in His Son, my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.



LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

**From Charles and Lourdes Holmes
Bangkhen, Thailand**

"By our monthly church tract distribution around our area, and personal Christian distribution, we are out of the 50,000 tracts which once seemed so many. But we have ten times that number to go to reach the area we believe God has given us. Thank you for your prayers. More than 200 are now studying Bible correspondence courses because of those tracts. They "checked" their interest and were followed up by a Thai Christian worker in our new church."

**From Ya Tu
Shan State, Myanmar (Burma)**

"With lots of thanks I have received your helps in last June, 1990. I'm appreciate you very much because of your helps, we stronger and have encouragements for service. Please help me continually because I'm very busy in His service and working and striving all the day long all the night long, means full time in ministry. So I'm asking you not to stop helps from now on whatsoever may be, I'll endured in God's work."

(He is referring to the fact that he received nothing in August, as nothing was given for him. Let me know if you would like to sponsor him fully or paritally at \$25.00 - 50.00 monthly. We'll provide you with an application photos, etc.).

"I have been twice to Laos with brother Paul and have founded a new church at Palio where Laos and Burma meet. Together we have founded eight churches, they are Yanggong, Yannaiy I, and Yannaiy II, Yanshin, Pa Dawng, Skan, Jani, and Bandawche. At the present village I serve more than 80 families. They are Shans, Lahus, Akhas, and Chinese."

"I have served God since His calling me since 12 years ago, I never discouraged for serving Christ and His churches before. In times past I am a wretched man, but God called me and changed all my bad life into goodness, and I became a new creature. There is new life in my life. Christ has demonstrated with me and many are added into His Church. I am self support until today. Except for you to continue my support as long as God wants to serve you and me."

"May God richly bless you in all your efforts for us."

ATTENTION
PASTORS

"My people just aren't as interested in missions as I wish them to be." (California)

"We have no problem raising missions pledges during our faith promise push each year, the problem is in having the pledges come in." (Michigan)

"I just feel that we lack the vision of a world going to Hell." (Georgia)

One of the goals of FINAL FRONTIERS is to help pastors in America develop their own mission's program to it's fullest potential. Having a combined pastoral experience of over twenty years, Jon and Lewis Nelms are well acquainted with the various obstacles you face.

With the use of slide and video presentations, either of the Nelms brothers can take part in your missions conference, or better yet, come to your church for a one day "Missions Booster". This is especially helpful for church's that need that special "boost" to increase their missions pledges.

Often during the year the missions giving can have a tendency to drop off. Perhaps what your people need is a "shot in the arm". Not a "guilt trip", but a renewed burden. We have seen missions giving jump by 100% as the result of a single days meeting.

Our "MINI-MISSIONS CONFERENCE", is designed to be just what you need. To get more details or schedule a date, give us a call at 1-800-522-4324.

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

HERE IS A SPECIAL GIFT TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE PAYOFF OF THE FINAL FRONTIERS VAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY SURPLUS WILL BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE MINISTRY.

\$ _____

NEED - \$5000.00
RECEIVED - \$ 305.00

Please send a copy of the MISSIONS PROGRESS REPORT with my compliments to:

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

building. This is because of your helps and the helps of God.

I have twenty families in this village now that have been baptized, and all being quitted smoking heroin and cigarette and drinking wine, and all is holy as God is holy now. Jimmy helped us by your help with everything we need this rainy season, rice, clothes, lantern, kerosin and cassette. I'm appreciate you very much for your helps at this time. Jimmy told me that you have sent me gifts by him. This is that you are working together with me at the same time even tho you are very far from me.

I am teaching the Bible at Yan Naiy until the end of September. On Sunday we attend church four times, and doing teaching and encouraging and singing and praying together. Every night I and my daughter teaching Bible and leading songs. One hundred fifty families we will add to our village because we have a mount and a wider plain to build houses hereafter. Please do not stop sending your gifts from now on because we are a poor family and we essentially needed your helps, your aid is profitable for my ministries. We really need your aid now as long as we are working in the world for His Kingdom. I am working independently now, I have asked many missionaries to help me, but they refused me to help until nowadays. I have helps only from brother Jimmy by you.

I may stop discussion here. May God richly bless you in all your efforts for us.

Jashibo

Read Jashibo's testimony beginning on page four.

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