

Progress Report

The Gospel in Ghana ...

God's servants are struggling with Islam for the souls of their countrymen

Jon Naima and
Louie DeMeo
stand beside a
termite hill
along the
highway in
Ghana.



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The Gospel in Ghana ...

By Jon Neims

In April of this year, during my trip to the countries of Togo and the Ivory Coast, I made arrangements to travel to the nation of Ghana. Ghana is located directly west of Togo. In fact, from the roof of Pastor Luigi Palmieri's house in capital city of Lome, Togo, (our national coordinator for Togo) you can look less than a mile westward and see the rooftops on the houses in Ghana. We (Louis DeMeo from France, Luigi and myself) started out early one morning, arriving at the Ghana border crossing just as it opened. Experience has taught us that if you reach the border when it opens, it may take only an hour or so to process the entry and exit visas. If you arrive only one hour after it

opens, you may well spend the day there. God blessed us and within about thirty minutes we were on our way to the city of Tema, where our contacts operate a Bible Institute and have planted a number of churches.

Tema is a relatively new city. It was begun only a few years ago in order to alleviate the massive growth of the capital city of Accra, about one hours drive to the west. The government bought the barren land from the locals living there and turned it into a city. This method of beginning "new" cities out of deserts and forests is being duplicated all over Africa. It was interesting to me as we arrived on the outskirts of Tema, to see a large factory which makes goods for export. In huge letters the name of the company was painted on the top of the walls. It was that name which caught my attention. The name was "Tarzan Inc.". Luigi had been teasing me all along the way, promising to show me where Tarzan lived. He kept his word in his typical lighthearted manner.

Arriving in Tema, we went immediately to the Greater Grace Church. Within a short time the students began to arrive for the night classes. This school is a training ground for more than 140 students. Sixty of them meet in the evening and the rest during the day. Most of the evening students are experienced pastors who are trying to

increase their knowledge of the Bible. For two days we stayed with these dear men and their wives. It was an easy time for me because I could speak their language. Ghana was formerly a British colony, thus most everyone speaks English. Their accents were of course different from ours, but within a few minutes I was able to understand every word spoken. It was funny to me that Louie, a native of America, had difficulty understanding them. At times, I had to "translate" their English for him. He has been in France so long, that his English is getting weak. This was important because at the end of each evening's



Some of the pastors and wives studying at the night classes of the Bible Institute in Tema, Ghana. These servants work other jobs during the day and study at night. Most make less than \$20.00 monthly from their church salaries

lessons, the students would all assemble outdoors for an informal time of questioning their guests. To Louie and Luigi the questions primarily had to do with scripture. Those questions directed to me were related to the advancement of the Gospel in other far away lands.

One of my greatest concerns, which I freely shared with the preachers assembled, is the alarming growth of Islam in that region of Africa. I cautioned them to love the Moslem, but at the same time to be aware of

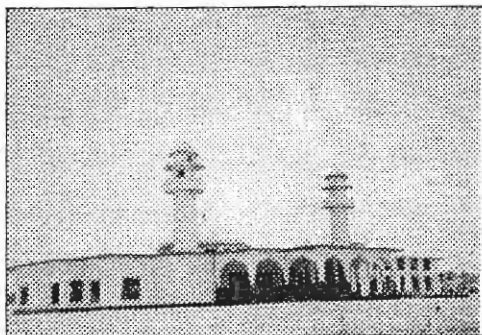
their intentions to "conquer" each nation for Allah. While I spoke with them, one of the ladies present shared how she was raised in an Islamic home. She verified that what I had taught that evening is the truth. That night I shared with them stories I heard while in Ghana regarding the persecution of Christians by Moslem fanatics...

There is a preacher living in Nigeria who had been visiting Ghana and related what had happened to him because he dared to preach the Gospel. One evening, Moslems attacked his house and began to beat he and his wife. As his wife was forced to watch, they castrated this preacher and then dropped him to the floor. As he lay there bleeding to death, he watched as the attackers killed his wife, then came back and cut his left eye out, leaving him to die. Miraculously, he survived and is still preaching the Gospel...

In Accra, shortly before I arrived, a preacher was out on the busy streets, preaching about Jesus. Suddenly a group of Moslem men attacked him, demanding that he denounce Christ. When he refused, they began to slash his body with their knives, and then cut his throat. The authorities did nothing, until the attackers left. Again, by God's grace, this brother survived and is still recuperating in the

hospital.

Stories like these are not uncommon in regions where Moslems rule. In Ghana, however, they are only now beginning to get a stronghold. They have received funding from their oil rich Arab friends, and used it to successfully run political campaigns to put their Moslem friends into positions of power. The hand writing is on the wall for believers in West Africa. I wondered out loud why the Christians had not also taken advantage of the opportunity of electing Believers to political positions. The response was that they do not know how to organize such an effort, and don't have the funds necessary to accomplish the goal. I tell you, as you read this report, unless we help them, we can look forward to the day that we will regret our lack of effort. Western Africa will become dominated by Islam. We will hear thousands of stories like these in the next decade. I have personally determined to do all I can to stop the spread of Islam and increase the spread of the Gospel. (For more information on how you can help, see the "Jon Nelms Family" letter on page 23.)



One of the many Moslem mosques that dot the landscape of Accra today. Mosques like these are now being built all over Central and West Africa

As much as I regret to say it, Islam is not the only threat. Today in most nations of the region, the schools are again teaching African religions. This indoctrination leads the students to view Christianity as the religion of the oppressive West and therefore abominable. Such native religions however, lead to abuse of women and children, and animal sacrifices. Eventually, Islam will be seen as an "African" religion, and be widely embraced.

Africa is a wonderful place, in spite of it all. The friendliness of the people, their warm smiles and loving ways are endearing. It is easy to understand how the missionary greats of the past like Livingston and Moffat, fell in love with this continent. Everywhere there are people, and everywhere, there is poverty, disease and opportunity. One of the greatest plagues buffeting Africa today is Aids, which was birthed on African soil. It is estimated that in some regions, up to 75% of the people are infected. Another plague is malaria. In Ghana alone, over 14,000 people die every year of malaria. That figure is more astounding when you relate it to America on a population comparative basis. If the same percentage of people (per capita) died each year in

America of malaria, the number would be nearly 200,000 deaths. It is easy to see, with figures like those, why the African mind is not nearly as concerned with Aids as they are with other diseases. In spite of this, it seems that very little is done to combat the carrier of malaria, the mosquito. Open sewers are everywhere, and few people have the money to spend on mosquito coils or insect spray. During my two nights in Ghana, we stayed in the home of a pastor. Louie and I were nearly eaten alive, but Luigi wasn't bitten even once. I doubt that I



Daniel Sappor (kneeling at left) with one of his "Good News Clubs".

received more than two hours of actual sleep either night, because the mosquitos were merciless. About seven days later, I began to experience malaria-like symptoms, and was given medicine by a missionary friend. In a few weeks when I go to Central America, I plan to be examined to find what, if anything, I received from the bites.

Louie was also attacked, but he had a repellent. I didn't know he had any, and he didn't know that I didn't have any. By the time we figured it all out, it was already too late. I am thankful that I didn't contract cerebral malaria.

This killer cripples the body with tremendous headaches and literally kills within a day or so. I suppose if I had any comfort in all of this, it was the nightmares that Louie had each night about the bats just outside our window. His rendition of the nightmares were hilarious. Everybody has something they are afraid of, and for Louie, its bats. It was so funny watching him throw rocks at them and duck as they swooped by. I did everything I could think of to make little bat noises as he

NEEDS From Overseas

India ...

Used KJV Bibles for those who speak English.

Kenya ...

Funds to provide students with pencils, pens and paper at the new Bible Institute in Mutufu

Guatemala ...

\$1,200.00 for a motorcycle for our Mayan regional director in the mountains of the western border area

**Call us if you can provide any of these items.
1-800-522-4324**

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Missions Family Night

Issue: July, 1995

Target: Ghana, West Africa

From Prosperity...To Poverty

by: Lewis Nelms

Ghana, situated between the Ivory Coast and Togo, is located in West Africa. The nation is comprised of approximately 100 different ethnic groups and exceeds 17 million people. Accra its capital, is home to nearly 1.5 million people, but most Ghanaians live in the rural areas with the highest concentration in the south. Its major exports are cocoa, gold and timber.

In 1957, Ghana gained its independence from Britain. But, the years following this event have been difficult for these African people. The socialist government of Nkrumah was a disaster the consequences of which are still being felt. Following its overthrow in 1966, five military regimes and three short-lived civilian governments were attempted. Under Rawling's revolutionary military government democracy was returned to power and multi-party elections were held in 1992.

In 1982, the economy nearly collapsed. Government overspending, mismanagement and corruption reduced this once prosperous nation to poverty. Uncontrolled inflation and drought also weighed heavily on the economy. Since 1984, there has been a steady economic recovery, but the average Ghanaian still earns less than 2% of what is earned by the average American.

With these political and economic difficulties the advancement of the gospel has been limited. Some of the former military governments have been hostile to Christianity. In this nation where a quota system is in operation, foreign missionaries will find it hard to obtain visas. But there are many national preachers who are capable of advancing the gospel throughout their nation. Their needs are simple, while their results are phenomenal. If you would like to sponsor one of these Ghanaian church-planters, contact Final Frontiers at 1-800-522-4324. Your partnership with these faithful servants will reap a harvest of souls for God's kingdom.

DID YOU KNOW?

Of the 26,000 towns and villages in Ghana, 15,000 have no congregation of believers.

Child Care international



Name: Pyna Ramesh	Date of Birth: July 6, 1986
Country: India	Age: 9
School Grade: seventh	Sex: male

I am the only son born to my parents. My grandfather had died and so my father looked after his brother and sister. Before I was born he paid the dowry for my aunt to be married. Even when she gave birth, he paid for the delivery. He always looked after the burden of the whole family. He looked after his mother with care and tenderness. Like my father, she too was always loving and kind hearted.

Whenever my father was late in returning from work, my mother would go out of the compound and wait for him. That was my mother's love.

One day the marriage of my uncle was fixed so I stayed with my grandmother as all the others went to the wedding ceremony. Since my grandmother was a widow, she could not attend the wedding.

All the family, as well as the bride's family traveled to the wedding place, then to a famous Hindu temple to make sacrifices to the gods. When they went to visit the gods, it was already one week since the ceremony. The bridal party was returning in a mini van when the vehicle struck against a big stone on the road. The van fell into the river and everyone was drowned including the driver.

The next morning everyone heard the news and no one prepared food. No one lit fires in their ovens. No body went to work. Even the cattle were fasting for days together. Everyone said that it was an unlucky incident. Some pitied me. Soon my grandmother also died. I was left alone.

I was without food for many days until Pastor Swatantra Kumar noticed my lonely condition and admitted me into his orphanage.

Sponsorship for an orphan is \$30.00 monthly, and provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and education.

All orphanages assisted by FINAL FRONTIERS are administered by pastors who are supported through this foundation, and are operated as a ministry of a local church.

Quarterly correspondence is encouraged between the orphans and their sponsors.

To sponsor an orphan or obtain further information on sponsorship, refer to the "Now It's Your Turn" cut-out on page 23.

How to use the Missions Family Night...

The Missions Family Night is designed to be a teaching tool for the entire family. Each month one nation or people group will be targeted

1. **Designate one meal per month** to celebrate missions by using the Missions Family Night materials.
2. Use the **Recipes** to create an authentic FOREIGN meal. Your children will be excited to help in the meal preparation.
3. During the meal, lead your family in **prayer** for the targeted nation or group.
4. After the meal, let the children color the **Coloring Sheet** and encourage them to participate in the monthly coloring contest (See below for rules.)
5. Complete the **other activities** in the MFN and **Read and discuss** the stories from the Missions Progress Report

MISSIONS COLORING CONTEST WINNERS



Heidi Smith
age: 9
Pomona, CA



Annie Smith
age 7
Pomona, CA



Malachi Nimmmons
age: 10
Cedar Rapids, IA

WINNERS RECEIVE SOUVENIRS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

To Enter The Coloring Contest Follow These Steps?

1. Remove and color the coloring sheet (center page of MPR)
2. Complete the necessary information.
3. **Winners are chosen only from those children who include a small photo (1 time only).**
4. Mail it to: *Final Frontiers, P.O. Box 158, Bartow, GA 30413*

How Much Do You Know About Ghana?

Answer each of the following questions T (true) or F (false). Then, check your answers with the answer box at the bottom of this page.

- _____ 1. Ghana is located on the continent of Asia.
- _____ 2. Ghana is located on the western side of its continent.
- _____ 3. In land mass, Ghana is one of the largest nations on its continent.
- _____ 4. The official language of Ghana is French.
- _____ 5. In 1957, Ghana gained its independence from Britain.
- _____ 6. The dominant religion in Ghana is Islam.
- _____ 7. The population of Ghana is approximately 17 million people.
- _____ 8. Since gaining its independence, the economy of Ghana has continually grown stronger with each passing year.
- _____ 9. Unlike its neighbors, Ghana is made up of only a small number of ethnic groups
- _____ 10. The average Ghanaian makes only 2% of what is made by the average American
- _____ 11. A very high percentage of the people of Ghana are literate in at least one language.
- _____ 12. The capital of Ghana is Accra.

1 F 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F 9 F 10 T 11 F 12 T

Answer Box

The Church In Ghana

For years Christianity has had a large following in southern Ghana, the most densely populated and most developed area of the country. Though 64% of the population call themselves "Christians," only 40% have any link with a church and only 12% are regular attenders!

Is the church important? Should a Christian attend church regularly? What attitude do you have concerning the church and its role in the life of a Christian?

Decode the message below to find out what King David thought about the house of the Lord

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F = ×	G = ♀	H = ≡	I = ×	J = ⊕
K = &	L = ●	M = ○	N = ■	O = □
P = □	Q = □	R = □	S = ·	T = ◆
U = ◆	V = ⊕	W = ◆	X = ⊗	Y = ⊕

Fetishism And Pagan Bondages

Prior to their salvation, some Ghanaians are involved in fetishism and pagan bondages. A fetish is a figure that is believed to have power to do magic. Sometimes a gummy substance is placed on the head or stomach of the figure to give it this power. Teeth, bits of glass, copper strips, nails, snakeskin belts, and leather bands are often attached to the figure to give it extra strength. An example of fetishism can be seen among the Ashanti tribe. Ashanti women and girls often go about with wooden dolls tucked into the backs of their waistcloths, where babies are carried. These dolls are flat with very long necks. They are charms believed to ensure having good-looking children. If a woman carries a round-headed doll, she wants a boy, while a square-headed doll is believed to bring a girl.

The fetish is thought to give protection against illness or evil, also. Some believe it can protect against danger in journeys, wars, or hunting. Fetishes are even worn for evil purposes. But, if a fetish does not work, it is broken into pieces and given away to the children as a toy. But before it is ever permitted to leave the tribe, its powers have to be taken away.

Do you think your protection is based upon a figure made with hands? Do you believe that the gender of a child can be determined by the type of doll you carry around your waist? Can a fetish keep you from getting sick?

**In the message below taken from Psalm 121,
write the letter that comes alphabetically before each letter to see
the true source of our protection and help.**

NZ IFMQ DPNFUI GSPN UIF MPSE

UIF MPSE JT NZ LFFQFS

UIF MPSE TIBMM QSFTFSWF NF GSPN BMM FWJM.

UIF MPSE TIBMM QSFTFSWF NZ HPJOH PVU

BOE NZ DPNJOH JO GPSFWFSNPSF.

MISSIONS COLORING CONTEST



The Village Weaver

This pretty bird is native to Africa. Its head and wings are brown, while its breast and back are yellow. Village Weavers may suspend a large number of woven nests from the twigs of a single tree.

FIRST NAME: _____
LAST NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ AGE _____

Winners will only be chosen from those children who send a photo.

A Multitude Of People Groups

Ghana is home to approximately 17 million people who are spread throughout nearly 100 different ethnic groups. In some of these groups, there are many believers, while in others there are very few. The traditional peoples of the northern region are scarcely touched by the gospel. Among the 35 people groups of the north, only one is even nominally Christian - the Dagari; in most, less than 2% are Christian of any variety.

In the Word Search List on the next page, many Ghanaian people groups are listed. As you can see, their names are difficult to pronounce! Yet, God knows each group, each tribe, each family and each individual. He loves them all!

Word Search Puzzle

Highlight or circle each people group from the list on page 15.

G	U	A	N	D	A	G	A	A	B	A	S
U	N	K	D	O	H	A	R	B	V	G	I
R	Z	A	E	G	N	A	O	R	A	N	S
E	E	N	G	N	A	D	F	O	S	A	A
N	M	D	A	A	H	A	I	N	H	H	A
N	A	A	H	L	A	N	R	W	A	U	L
E	L	G	A	U	F	G	I	M	N	T	A
C	K	O	N	K	O	M	B	A	T	U	N
A	A	M	T	U	A	E	A	M	I	W	N
A	S	B	A	S	J	W	N	P	P	A	A
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A	W	K	W	N	M	A	N	D	E	I	A
T	O	G	O	I	S	N	A	S	U	B	N
L	I	G	B	I	E	R	H	I	L	A	W

Ghanaian Peoples Word Search List

Using a highlighter or pen, mark each name as you find it in the Word Search Puzzle on page 14.

Words can be forwards, backwards, horizontal or vertical. Some letters will be used more than once.

ASHANTI	FANTE	AHAFO	ABRON	WASA
NZEMA	ANYIN	AHANTA	LARTEH	EWE
GONJA	AWUTU	AKAN	GUAN	BUR
GURENNE	DAGOMBA	DAGAABA	KWA	DEGA
KUSASI	KULANGO	MAMPRUSI	BULSA	VAI
SISAALA	KASENA	BIMOBA	BIRIFOR	IF
NAFAANRA	TAMPULMA	HANGA	BUSANSI	IGU
	KONKOMBA	MANDE	GAADANGME	

Word Search Mystery Message:

Place all the letters which were not used in the Word Search in order (from left to right) in the blanks below to reveal a special message about people groups.

(Message taken from Revelation 4:9)

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God's Word In Ghana

English is the official language of Ghana, but seventy-one other languages are also spoken throughout the country. Six of these language groups have the entire Bible; seventeen have a New Testament; and, 10 have a portion of Scripture.

Several missions organizations are now doing translation work in 20 languages, but between 11 and 30 other languages are yet to be tackled.

Eventhough the Bible is currently available to many people within the nation, only about half of the Ghanaians are literate. So even if they had a copy of the Bible in their language, they would not be able to read it.

As a Christian, life would certainly be different if you had no Bible or you could not read! Many of the instructions God gives to believers would be impossible to follow. Some of these are listed below.

In the Scriptures below, look up each Bible reference and fill in the correct answer. Then, insert each answer into its proper place in the crossword on the next page

DOWN:

1 Down

"Thy word have I _____ in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Psalm 119:11

3 Down

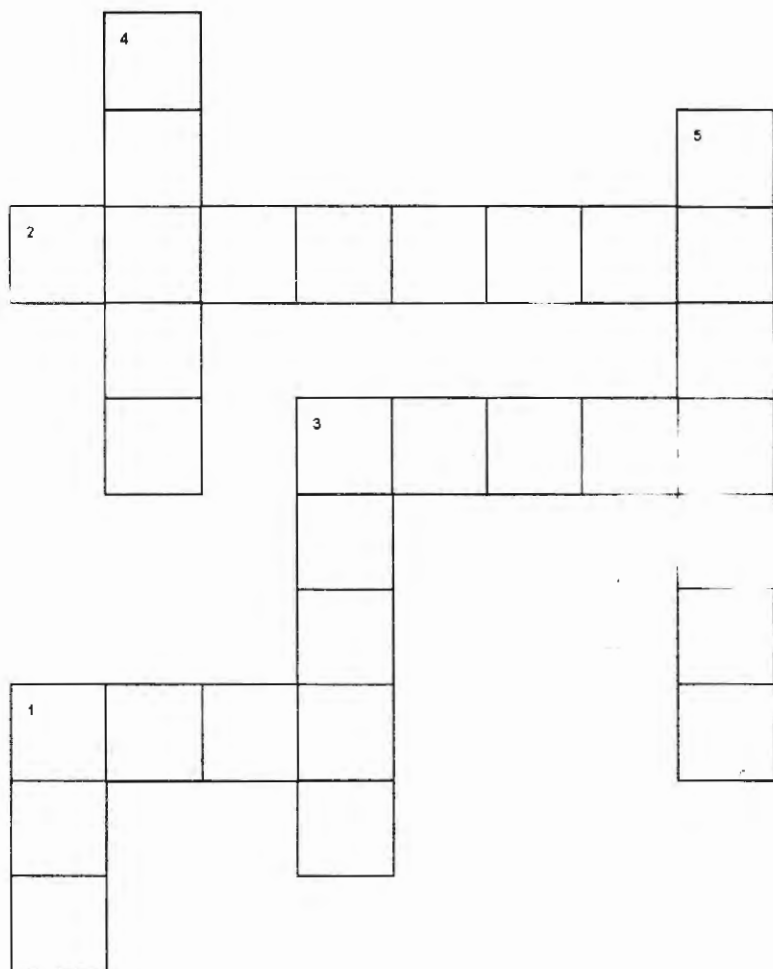
"_____ to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

4 Down

"Let the word of Christ _____ in you richly in all wisdom." Colossians 3:16

5 Down

"Till I come, give attendance to _____, to exhortation, to doctrine." I Timothy 4:13



ACROSS:

1 Across

"We have a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take _____." II Peter 1:19

2 Across

"I will _____ in Thy precepts, and have respect unto Thy ways. I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word." Psalm 119:15,16

3 Across

"...Take unto you the whole armour of God...Take the helmet of salvation, and the _____ of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:13,17

Spinach Stew

This is a quick and economical meal for city dwellers in Ghana, who have access to convenient canned food. Spinach stew takes very little time to prepare and is extremely nutritious.

- 1 small onion, peeled and cubed
- 3 ounces tomato paste
- 1 12-ounce can corned beef
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 small tomato, cubed
- 1 pound fresh spinach, cleaned and chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 4-6 servings cooked rice

In a large frying pan, heat the oil over medium heat for 1 minute. Add the onions and saute until they are transparent. Next, add the tomatoes and the tomato paste and cook for 5 minutes. Then, add the remaining ingredients, cover and cook for 30 to 35 minutes over medium-low heat. Serve over rice. Serves 4 to 6.

SOURCES USED FOR THE MFN:

- Cooking The African Way (Lerner)
- Operation World
- Tropical Birds Coloring Book (Dover)
- The Art Of Africa (Glubok)



Let's get acquainted

The purpose of this feature is to introduce our readers to approved preachers who are not yet sponsored. It is our hope that their testimonies will verify their worthiness and need, and will lead to prayer and support on their behalf.

Preacher's Name:

Pradip Surjya

Wife's Name:

Priscilla

Country:

India

No. of Children:

one

Testimony:

My wife is from a wealthy Christian family and was saved at the age of fifteen. She desired to marry an evangelist regardless of how poorly she would have to live. This is her degree of dedication to the Lord's cause.

I too am from a Christian home and I found salvation when I was age sixteen. Gradually I began to witness and minister in the surrounding churches, though I was still a youth. Finally I enrolled in a Bible school to receive formal training. Since graduation I have been involved in various ministries and I have now served as an evangelist for ten years.

There are more than six men serving full time in the ministry whom I disciplined, and I have started two churches and three fellowship groups. In time, these too will become churches with their own pastors, but for now I help to care for them.

We are working with a church planting ministry called Amar Jyoti and I receive a stipend of about \$31.00 monthly. My monthly needs for my family and ministry expenses is about \$64.00. You see how the Lord does provide for all our needs? The support Final Frontiers will find for us will alleviate the deficit that we have faced in our ministry to date.

I am now able to speak four languages and I witness to people of those tribes most every day in the market place and from house to house. My wife also accompanies me in the work and is a great witness to the ladies of our towns and villages.

God has given us a great life and family. We had only one need and now you may offer to help us with it. Our Lord will doubtless bless you because of your generous sacrifice. Please know that we will continue to serve but with a greater ability because of your help. Remember to pray for us daily.



From the mailbox



From: Aggrey Mmaitzi Iboshe
Sponsored by: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moser
 Waynesboro, GA

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am very grateful to write this short farewell (hello) letter to you.

In the last past three month since I received your support, I have visited and evangelized two villages. Many people were saved, we soon have planned for baptism.

I say thank you very much for the love you have shown to us, me and my wife. Your support has been very much helpful in encouraging to minister the ministry. Most of my church members are very poor. This gives me privilege to minister in slums villages. Your support helps me to be an example in most cases.

May God bless you as you continue to minister His ministry as Final Frontiers. I beg to remain yours in Christ service.



Last quarter:

villages
 evangelized - 2

churches
 started - 0

people saved - 100

converts
 baptized - 0



From: Khin Maung Win
Sponsored by: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carroll
 Boone, NC

Thank you for your interest in me for my ministry. Like the Apostle Paul, I don't want to involve with where people had reached. I selected a new field where this people had never been reached. They are called Danu, an ethnic Burmese people but have different tone of dialect. I am the first missionary to these people for the 21st century. Very hard to reach. But now I have seven members and hopefully many will join in the near future... I had a good house and a good life in Rangoon, but the Lord send me to this area to preach the Gospel. Now, my wife had left her government service and she is helping me... I will live and also die for the Danu people. They are a population of about 23,000 people. Only seven have been converted. I have a lot more to do. It is my firm belief that the Lord will not leave me. ...

Thank you very much.



Last quarter:

villages
 evangelized - 1

churches
 started - 3

people saved - 7

converts
 baptized - 7

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tried to sleep, but I guess I'm just not gifted in that area.

Before leaving Ghana, I wanted to visit a preacher our Foundation has been assisting there for several years, Pastor Daniel Sappor. Daniel is a representative for Child Evangelism and spends a great deal of effort in training believers to reach children with the Gospel. My mind had been so preoccupied with my father's death, that I had forgotten to write Daniel to tell him I was coming to Ghana. When I told our new contacts in Tema about him, hoping they would know of him, they surmised that he must be charismatic or else they would have known him. You see, in this region, most every Christian is a charismatic, including Baptists. For years, a lack of proper teaching has left the Church open to "every wind of doctrine". Those who like us are not charismatic, are suspicious of any preacher they don't already know. That suspicion is unfortunate, but a reality nonetheless, just as it is here in America. Try as hard as I might to convince them that Daniel was not charismatic, they still doubted. Their response was that he is probably just a crafty preacher who had tricked us. The gauntlet having been dropped, I picked it up and asked the pastor to take me to Accra, hoping to find Daniel, though all I had was a Post Office Box number. By God's grace, we found him and were waiting at his house when he arrived from his soul winning visitation. When Luigi tried to play a trick on him and lead him to believe that I was an American charismatic looking to fund Pentecostal preachers, Daniel held firm to his belief on eternal security and other non charismatic doctrines. He even kindly tried to show us the error in not believing in such fundamentals of the faith. When he had finally passed all their "tests", they revealed to him who I was and we had a great time of fellowship together. I felt bad that he had to be put through such a drilling, but pleased that he was not influenced by the hope of receiving money. Truly, his doctrines are not for sale. Now both "groups" will be strengthened with the knowledge that the other exists, and they can share books and teaching materials for training preachers. All they need now is help in supporting worthy Ghanaian preachers for \$30.00 to \$60.00 monthly. I hope you will help us to help them do just that.



Daniel Sappor (at left) poses with a group of men and women from various churches that he is training to work with children in Ghana.

A report from
TEAM India

From: K. Swatantra Kumar
Location: Andhra Pradesh
Date: May 5, 1995

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?
\$264.80

What were these funds used for?
A small portion of the amount is used for buying tracts in our native language. The remaining we used for purchase of Bibles. Many people came forward for English Bibles so we need KJ Version for them.

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

Each preacher needs at least one petromax (kerosene) lamp for his church. Most towns do not have electricity so the light is very important for evening services.

Below, please write a short letter of appreciation to your TEAM sponsors.

Your TEAM funds provided an opportunity to everyone to contribute according to their purse permits. Most of our Indian preachers are tasted the love in action of your TEAM funds. We have bicycles, Bibles, lights and other essential gospel tools with your TEAM fund. May God bless you the cheerful giver. Thanks for your magnanimous gesture in helping the missions and obeying His last commission to help the missions. With your help only we are achieving good results and winning many souls. Please continue to pray for us. Wherever we go we are getting good response. People are showing much interest. New openings are coming. God has abundantly blessed us during all these days.

Speaker's Schedule

The following cities will host men representing the ministries of FINAL FRONTIERS during July and August. For times, dates and locations call:
1-800-522-4324

- Elkhorn, IA
- Elk River, MN
- Minneapolis, MN
- Truman, MN
- Fredrickburg, OH
- Bethesda, OH
- *Charlotte, NC

* Our first Final Frontiers golf tournament will be held in Charlotte on August 28. For information about participating, call Lewis Nelms at 605-371-3267.

Visionary Trips

Itineraries are being planned for the following countries. Contact us if you would like to go, but be warned, these are mission trips, not vacations.

1995:

- Jul. Nicaragua
Costa Rica
Honduras
Guatemala
- Aug. Haiti
St. Vincent
- Sep. Uganda
Kenya
Nigeria
- Oct. Philippines
Cambodia
- Nov. Zambia
Zimbabwe
South Africa
Malawi
Nepal



the Jon Helms family report

In this month's cover story, I tried to convey to you, the growing burden God has placed in my heart to reach Africa. Those wishing to join me with prayer and finances should immediately enlist in our *TEAM* program for Ghana, or any of the other West African nations; (Ivory Coast, Togo, Benin, and Liberia) or help build a "great wall" of Christianity across all of Central Africa, by support of a *TEAM* in

the Central African Republic, Uganda, Kenya, Zaire, or the Sudan. Unless enough of us give, we will be fighting a force in the future that will make the persecution under Communism pale in comparison. If you are willing and committed, pledge at least \$5.00 monthly to help one of these nations. Fifty dollars monthly would provide \$5.00 for each of these nations. (See below)

As you receive this report, I will be preparing to leave for a four country trip into Central America. There I will be visiting preachers we have supported for four years, as well as meeting with new groups of preachers that have been recommended to us. As always, I would appreciate your prayers for safety. On my last trip to Nicaragua, only God's grace prevented me from suffering both a break-in and a kidnaping for ransom attempt. I tell you, there is never a dull moment!

Yours for souls,
Jon Helms

Now it's your turn...

Donor's verse for July...

Proverbs 28:20 "A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent."

Please find enclosed my donation of \$ _____
for the following worker... _____
for the following project... _____

Please send me information on the following:

- Sponsoring a national preacher (\$30.00 monthly)
- Sponsoring a country's *TEAM*
(minimum of \$5.00 monthly per country)
- Sponsoring an orphan (\$30.00 monthly)
- Sponsoring a "fixed-tuned radio" (\$30.00 monthly)
- Sponsoring the Final Frontiers home office needs
(any amount)

Welcome New Sponsors

The following began sponsorship since last month's report.

For information regarding sponsorship refer to the "Now it's your turn" cutout on page 23.

- Mildred and Judith Kasel, NC
- Jerry and Sybil Carroll, NC
- Young Adults Class of the Lee's Summit Baptist Temple, MO
- Nancy and Rhonda Steelman, AL
- John Parris, TN
- Mid Atlantic Baptist Church, Brick, NJ
- Mary Anderson, IA
- Richard and Connie Dellaca, IA
- Charlyn Dowling Smith, IA
- Doug and Stephanie De Vore, MI
- Douglas and Karen McCord, MI
- Michael and Deborah Entner, MI
- George and Gail Levesque, FL
- Bob and Gina Fort, GA
- Curtis and Pat Chaffee, MN
- Ronald and Marcia Clay, MN
- Jonathan Fisher, MN
- Doug Robins, MN
- Todd and Melody Quiring, MN
- Grayson and Myra Nantkes, MN
- Scott and Susan Goodwill, MN
- Kevin and Ann Rabe, MN
- Arnold and Barbara Glidden, MD
- Rick and Pam Olin, DE
- Charlyn Dowling Smith, TEAM Mexico
- Judy Greene, NC TEAM India

News received from the Final Frontiers, indicates that since last months report there were...

66	New Churches Started
212	New Villages Evangelized
2,774	Professions of Faith
827	Believers Baptized

Total churches started to date: **3,986**

...other news...

... in **China**, documented reports are arriving regarding the sale of human organs to needy clients. The government is harvesting these parts from executed prisoners. Many times the crime was no more than a misdemeanor by Western standards, or no crime at all. Christians should pray for the countless Christians that are serving time in Chinese prisons for their faith in Christ. Pray for their safety and release from prison.

... in **Albania**, "the most Communist country in the world", the first fundamental, experienced church planter is being interviewed for possible support.

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