



The Final Frontiers Foundation

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The Tiger's Nest Temple

From here, Buddhism conquered Bhutan

*Photo caption on page 2
Story on page 8*

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

The *Progress Report* is a free, quarterly publication of the FINAL FRONTIERS FOUNDATION INC. Currently we are ministering in over eighty countries; many of which are closed to foreign missionaries. In other countries, work among the various tribal groups is restricted to national preachers only; thus they are open to us because of our unique method of missions.

We believe that the training and subsidizing of national preachers is the most efficient and effective method of global evangelism. 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, reputation and ministry experience. 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 - \$350.00 each month to support his family and ministry.

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Current ministries available for support are listed on page 23:

Most of these have articles within each issue of the *Progress Report* dedicated to their purpose and to provide accountability for those who support those causes.

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Cover Photo...

Date: March 2015 by Joshua Martyn

Location: City of Paro in NW Bhutan

Subject: Buddhists believe that a reincarnation of Buddha flew to this spot on the back of a Tiger. There he meditated for three years in order to rid the mountains of evil spirits. Since that time Buddhism has ruled in the life of the country and its people. Today, and for centuries, Christianity has been forbidden in this land but now the light of the Gospel is beginning to shine through the cracks of a religion, whose own founder proclaimed that he was not the Savior of the world, but that the Savior would come after him and would be recognized by "the wounds in his hands and feet".



Jon and Nolin Nelms Report

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Remember the "I love Lucy" show? Frequently, Lucy's husband, the strongly accented Cuban entertainer, "Ricky Ricardo", would come home to some sort of mess she had created and yell out, "Lucy, you've got some *"splaining"* to do!"

Well, it is usually in this issue each year, that we give a report of the previous year, showing the results of the national church planters we fund with your support. Because our "numbers" have grown so large in the last year, I discovered that I too had some "splaining" to do. So, on page 18 and 19 I have tried to give you an explanation that will help you grasp the magnitude of the results God's men have done with your help. None of this *toots* our horn as they are the ones who do the work, and you are the ones who finance it. We just report. But my efforts of underreporting for thirty years prompted many to ask for a more correct presentation of our results. During 2017 we gradually updated our statistical reporting method and in doing some, shocked some of you and confused others. Hopefully the article will un-confuse you and be a blessing as well.



for anyone interested in missions who want to learn more. I don't expect to bring this "online" until early next year because we will have to produce a number of episodes before we go online.

Several years ago we were putting a weekly Q&A video up each week that had over 15,000 subscribers. As you can imagine that exposure greatly increased the number of people who began supporting our work and supporting preachers and children. We are hoping to duplicate those results again.

I'll keep you informed.

VISIONARY TRIPS.

You all know that every summer we spend nearly three months in Honduras hosting these one-week trips for churches and families. This may be the last year. I am considering having trips to Honduras every other year and in the off years, hosting trips to other locations like India, Ukraine or Africa. Give me your feedback on this and do remember, if you wanted to visit us in Honduras this summer but have not yet registered to do ... Get with it. (See page 22 for available dates.)

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE STARTED A WEEKLY PODCAST?

I must admit, it is great. I am so pleased with the professional manner in which it is produced and the content is out of this world. Admittedly we try to publicize what we are doing, but almost each week we do interviews with American missionaries, many of whom are not even a part of our ministry. We have interviews with overseas staff, sponsors and supporting pastors. We will also be highlighting other ministries as well. In two days I'll be interviewing Don Kiser, a missionary to Mexico for decades. (When I pastored in the 1980s he was one of the missionaries we supported.) He greatly influenced me as to what a missionary should be and what the nationals can accomplish with just a little support. (He was also Jerry Falwell's roommate and sat on his ordination counsel ... and looks strangely like George Bush Sr.). We want our podcasts to be a missions "water cooler" so to speak, so gather your family around and we will do our best to encourage you, educate you and give you something to talk about. And if you have any suggestions on how we can improve our show or subjects you would like to hear discussed, please let us know. (Read more about this on pages 4-5.)

WHAT'S NEXT?

As I write this article, we are in the process of designing and building a studio where we can produce our own video podcasts as well. This will ultimately provide a set for myself and others to teach mission courses online to those who are interested. Not just missionary candidates but deacons and church members as well. A new ministry friend is exploring the project of building us a website that can organize the teaching and allow for online testing and grading. Our School of Missions will grant certificates to those who enroll and pass the subjects. These courses will be

WHAT WE DON'T TELL YOU.

There is a great deal in the news about certain hot spots around the world. Please realize that it is getting hard to find an area of the world that we are not ministering in. Because of the nature of our work, we don't just work in the modern, industrialized capital cities, we have "feet on the ground" where the action is fierce and the fires of persecution burn the hottest. The men we support, and their families and churches, need your continual prayer. There are many times that I want to inform you of difficulties in a certain place but cannot because of the risk that would be involved for our people living there. We may not immediately divulge the situational information but you can be assured we already know about it. Many times I have watched a "breaking news" alert on television, as if it had just happened, yet we had received the information, five or ten days before it was finally released. This is because our ministry tentacles are reaching further than ever before.

All this to say, we take our work for the Lord seriously and our responsibility to the health and care of our men and their families as if they were our own, because in Christ, they are. Equal to all that is our desire and determination to always be accountable to you. Since we receive financial help from you, we are required to give honest reporting to you; without endangering our men. We need your prayers for wisdom and our men around the world do as well for continued boldness and faithfulness. May I ask you to include a mention of them and us in your prayers each day?

Yours for souls,

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU



Except for the Progress Report, everything we do is for the benefit of the entire world. Here's something we're doing just for you.

We believe we have found a niche.

The air waves are filled with Christian radio programs, faithfully broadcasting church services, sermons, Bible studies and teaching on finances, family and just about anything you can think of. And of course, there is also music.

We were challenged to start a program exclusively about MISSIONS. Why? Well, first of all, why not? We now serve in nearly ninety countries and for over three decades, we support over 2,600 national missionaries and their Timothys and have a network of over 25,000; so we should know the subject fairly well and obviously have much to talk about. And second, because it seems, according to the industry experts we consulted, no one else is producing a missions oriented, radio show.

Well, there is now. We are already several months into our 30 minute podcasts, which we call THE FINAL FRONTIERS RADIO SHOW, and our tiny number of subscribers is starting to grow. Each Saturday morning we release a new broadcast so be sure to subscribe, download it and listen when you're driving, sipping a cup of coffee or taking that well-deserved, hot bubble bath.

Several years ago we had a video series called **BIOGRAPHIES** and another called **Q AND A** that also started small, but within half a year had grown to over 15,000 listeners. As our listeners grew, so did our influence and impact and we are hoping for the same again this time. Currently, we get more sponsorships for our children, preachers and projects online than we do by public speaking. (But of course, we believe in the local CHURCH and will never stop presenting our ministry in the place God ordained.) We are just thankful for any means of growth we can have so we can do more to honor our Lord in our lifetime and beyond.

Each thirty minute program is designed with the listener in mind, and contains a variety of information like a biography of

one of our preachers, interviews with a national director or an American missionary we partner with, explanation regarding a facet of our ministry like Touch a Life or the PowerPack, short stories and brief "commercials" about our ministries and products. Even Jon has a two-minute commentary regarding missions and our philosophy. On the iPad screen at right you can read one of his biblically based, and historically packed, commentaries. They are designed to give you something to ponder and a means to strengthen your grasp of missions.

We are trying everything we know of to increase our listening audience by promoting it on YouTube, Facebook and any other means possible. We are even producing a humorous video/commercial series we have called **"THE WORLD'S MOST INTERESTING MISSIONARY"**. That's right, Geiko has a lizard and Progressive has "Flo", Burger King has a fake king and McDonalds a fake clown. They all have their mascots and we have ours too — just as fictional — or is he? Be sure to watch for *any* email from us with those words in it.

Why are we going to all this effort? It's simple, we're doing it for our Lord, for you, and to promote missions and missionary activity worldwide. We want missions to cease being something we think about one week a year during the conference time and make it something to think about every week, if not every day. How do we plan to accomplish this? By using tear-jerking stories, insightful commentaries, vibrant interviews, explaining how international news affects missions and sprinkled all this when possible, with just a little humor. This is not a weekly sermon but a 30-minute broadcast broken into multiple 3-10 minute sessions, much like a Fox News Broadcast, currently only in an audio format. Be sure to let us hear from you with your feedback, ideas, and programming / format suggestions. And please spread the word to your friends.



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Jon Nelms
Commentary

FINAL FRONTIERS RADIO/PODCAST - MISSIONS COMMENTARY

Duration: 2:10
Episode: 3
Aired: November (but remains in our archives)
Subject: Why do we bother to translate the Bible if we are not going to distribute it?

Early missionaries of our era understood that they could not make a lasting impact on the citizens of their lands, whether they be the *curious* or the *converted*, unless the people had the Word of God in their own language.

Many famous missionaries spent much of their time *in* translation work. Adoniram Judson translated and went to prison to preserve the Burmese Bible. Henry Martyn translated the New Testament into Hindi and Persian. William Carey oversaw and assisted in the translation of the entire Bible and Bible portions in at least seven languages. So much so, that in 1925, author David Brown wrote of Carey's efforts of Bible translation saying, "In some languages they (Carey and his partner Marshman) stand unrivalled; others they are putting into the press without knowing a *single* word of them (*the language*) or being able to read the characters in which they are written."

Other missionary translators, unknown or little remembered by modern man, now live eternally as legends in Heaven, having translated God's Word in the languages of empires, societies and even the small tribes they served. Many translators, like the early British missionaries to the American Indians, gave their lives to translate the Bible into languages that are no longer even spoken; but those who spoke their tongue in those days, now abide in Heaven forever.

Jewish scholars among others, believe that Moses actually wrote in Egyptian, Job in Akkian, and that Solomon translated the Scriptures into many languages; including ancient Hebrew. After the dividing of Israel, much of Judah spoke Sumerian and later Daniel translated Scripture into Chaldean, Sumerian, and Persian; Ezra later translated it into what was then known as "modern" Hebrew. And it was from the work of Daniel and Ezra that the Greek Septuagint was eventually compiled and used by Jesus in His earthly ministry.

Whenever and however they were compiled, the early missionaries understood and agreed on the urgency of translating the Bible into the languages of *their* world in *their* day. So, why don't we feel the urgency of *distributing* it to *our* world in *our* day? When did giving out God's Word cease to be important to us? And why?

At Final Frontiers, we spend enormous efforts and resources in providing a copy of God's Word to pastors and Believers around the world who do not have one, and especially in Islamic countries. We hope you will join with us in this great adventure.

Closing: I'm Jon Nelms, to learn more about missions, order a copy of my book, *The Great Omission*, on our website, FinalFrontiers.World

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EMAILS OF INTEREST

If we don't have your email address you are missing out on so much. Inform us at: letters@finalfrontiers.org



Pastor Lucas Ulo writes to us on behalf of all his preachers, Timothy's and churches, with a short report about a situation that has been overlooked and unreported by Western media.

In his home country of Nigeria, persecution has existed for as long as anyone can remember, but with the rise of Boko Haram, persecution has both intensified and spread, becoming a tool for other Islamic groups and tribes who have seen that the government is unwilling to respond, and are leaving the Christian population undefended. Boko Haram is an ISIS affiliate which was propelled to international infamy a few years back after kidnapping scores of Christian school girls to provide income from selling them as slaves or as wives to Muslim fanatics.



Now, with the Sahara encroaching from the north, the Islamic tribes known as

the Fulani have in the past two years, surpassed the number of murders committed by Boko Haram. The Fulani are migratory cattlemen, moving southward to graze their cattle on the plains that have for centuries been occupied by "Christian" farmers. To gain control of the territory, groups of Fulani Herdsmen are attacking Christian homes and churches, killing everyone in their path. In the photo above you can see Muslim men with machetes chasing and mutilating non-Muslims whose lands and homes they want to acquire.

Lucas' email below, in his own words, will give you reason to contemplate that persecution is not limited to the Middle East. It is virtually worldwide. Considering we are warned by God that we will reap whatever we sow, Christians in the West might find it prudent to sow seeds of comfort and relief by assisting Christians elsewhere; before it is our turn to suffer.

Please pray for us in Nigeria because Islamic Radicals, which our current president is one, under the cover of Fulani and Hausa Herdsmen, butcher whole Christian communities and occupy their lands, confiscating their properties. The authorities have no words to say than cover them. Most recently during Christmas Eve caroling, four worshipers were shot dead. Other 27 people including children were gunned down as they were returning from Night Vigil on New Year Eve. This Monday Christians gathered in a church to bury 73 corpses.

High Calling

2018 SUMMER MISSIONARY INTERNSHIPS ... OUR ONE MONTH, INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONS COURSE

What your month of internship will teach you ...

- ▶ Philosophy of Missions as taught in Jon's book, *The Great Omission*
- ▶ Principles of Cultural adaptation, Language acquisition, and Cultural evangelism
- ▶ Practical experience in construction, relief work, and exposure to tribal groups
- ▶ Participation in planting a new church.



*"IF YOU WANT TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST,
GET OUT OF THE LIBRARY."*

- INDIANA JONES

There are probably thousands of young people across America who dream of some day becoming a missionary. They are wrongly being taught that to do so, they need to spend a great deal of time in a classroom, then a great deal of time driving around America looking for funds. If that ever was true, it no longer is.

Think of whom you may know as the five greatest missionaries of all time (based on accomplishments). Certainly that list, if impartial, giving no deference to personal friends, family or denominational background, would include names like the Apostle Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Hudson Taylor, William Carey, David Livingstone, Adoniram Judson, James O'Fraser and Henry Martyn. Did you realize that while most of these attended seminary, all of them did not? And more, to my recollection, none of them took any courses in Missions. How could they be great if they didn't have a scholastic foundation in missions?

It's simple. You learn *about* aviation, auto mechanics, welding, etc. in a classroom, but with no experience you'll never get hired. But for the past fifty years we have deviated from that pattern when it comes to missions. Thankfully, being a pastor still requires having some hands on experience to solidify what you were taught in the classroom.

This is our purpose; to select a handful of those thousands who are dreaming and give them a chance to wake up with a month long mission course in Honduras. Give us a call quickly. The registration deadline is March 1. You can get more information online or see page 8 of our 4th Qtr. 2017 Progress Report. When you're ready, you can fill out an online application at:

<https://form.jotform.com/FinalFrontiers/high-calling>



God's Word ...

- ◆ for all people
- ◆ in all lands
- ◆ by all means

To receive regular updates on our ministry in the Islamic world, get added to our **Email Alerts** list. Register at: letters@finalfrontiers.org
 Help us print and smuggle more Bibles into the Middle East for \$6 each, by joining our Smugglers team. Your contribution makes you a part of our Smugglers team. See page 23 for more information.



Bags of Hope

For help in funding this program, refer to page 23.

Our Bags of Hope project started as a ministry tool that was inspired by our friend Dr. Ron Charles. It is a way of ministering to any family in need, but particularly to those living in the Islamic world who are refugees or cast out with no provision.

In some counties the government will pay a pension to a widower when his wife dies, but if the husband dies, the wife and children receive nothing. They are left to live on the street, under bridges, beside open cesspools and survive by begging. The Bags of Hope program gives such widows and orphans a months supply of food, vitamins, clean water and God's Word. It is given not in the name of a charity but in the name of Jesus by members of a local church.

Because of the situation in the war torn regions of the Middle East, our Bags of Hope program often runs hand in hand with our Smugglers ministry.

The letter below came from one of our preachers/smugglers overseas. It was given first to his sponsor to give accountability to them but now we want to share it with you as well. As always, whether it be for Bibles, food or preacher's support; the more we receive the more we can do.



تحية لكم جميعا في اسم منقذنا يسوع المسيح ...

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are very grateful to you for being so faithful in your prayers and financial support which has enabled to us to accomplish most of our goals for this year. I'm so thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for Final Frontiers Foundation, for the vision that God gave them to enhance the National Preachers to reach more people for Christ.

The Sectarian war in our country has destroyed everything, even the beliefs of the people in their culture, in their values, in their traditional style, and even to some it destroyed strong belief in their religion.

A certain man 57 years old, married, has 4 children and was very devoted to his religion, family, and his traditions, but since the

sectarian war started in our country, it has destroyed everything in front his eyes—two of his brothers were kidnaped and the family had to pay heavy ransoms to release them but, they didn't get released, actually they sent them home in a coffin, then later on they found out that the people who kidnaped his brothers and killed them, were part of their own tribe and that they did this under the orders given by one of their imams that he had personally helped in many ways in the past. They did this because he and his brothers had decided not to be involved in the bloodshed. Then he started to see that under the name of Islam, many horrible things happened and were conducted by many Muslim imams whom they had always respected. All these things made him start to doubt everything he had believed and he became very confused.

After living in his town became impossible, he decided to leave everything behind and move to our city, then after he settled down, he was searching for job and what the best options were for his family - to leave the country in a boat as refugees or to stay there without any hope for the future since he had lost everything. The most important thing for him had always been where and to whom he belonged, and now he even refused to ask for any help from any Muslim organization working in our area. He knew that they helped people like him because they have another agenda, and he doesn't trust them or the Allah they are serving!

Last Christmas our house church decided to conduct the BAGS OF HOPE ministry which is giving the families in need some food and a Bible and we proclaim the gospel with a full explanation of why we need to be saved and how to be saved. That day his family received an invitation, so he sent three of his children to our meeting, none of them got saved in the meeting, but, they were very impressed and told their parents about it. The father took the Bible and decided to read it. After a week, a group of our members were visiting those families who came but didn't get saved. When they got to this family the father received them and started to question them about the Bible he received. After they answered some of his questions, they came back to meet with me, so I decided to call on him and invite him to a private meeting and he accepted. When we met he had many questions as any Muslim man would, and after I answered some of his questions I started to focus on the broken relationship between man and God. The more he read the Bible and the more we met, the more God was working in his heart. Later on, his children started to come to our meetings and they got saved. He noticed the change in his children lives, and a few months later, after one of our personal meetings, he said, *"I don't know why I have resistance to that truth, I'm horrible inside me, I couldn't do anything by myself, I need that God you are worshipping to change me."* We went to another room and talked, then we knelt before God and started to pray. As we did, he started to cry like a young boy, and that day he came to the knowledge of salvation and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

AN ONGOING NEED



Most national preachers do not own a car; in fact most don't even own a bicycle. Over the years we have purchased hundreds of bicycles and given them free of charge to our preachers. Why not a car? Frankly, they can't afford to run one or repair it and the roads they travel on may not be accessible by car.

A bicycle allows a preacher to double or triple the area in which he can minister. Years ago I met a preacher in western India who had started several churches. He was zealous in starting churches but it took time to train men to take the leadership as a pastor so he was limited in what he could do. Once we bought him a bicycle he started eleven more churches for a total of fifteen! Twice a month he would visit each church and while there, have alone time with the leaders in training, helping them to learn the next week's sermon which one of them would preach.

That day I realized my laziness and lack of zeal, but I also realized how much more he could do if he had a motorbike. In a rural setting (not urban, not jungle) a preacher could cover perhaps a radius of five miles from his house on foot. With a bicycle he could cover a radius of ten miles but with a motorbike, he could cover a radius of fifty miles.

Not only would a motorbike enhance the ministry of these preachers but it also offers them a high degree of safety. You see, in India and elsewhere, preachers are sometimes attacked in the



day by angry villagers and at night by hungry tigers or bears. Believe it or not, we have lost several preachers who, after preaching all day and walking home at night, were devoured by wild beasts. I would have thought that a bicycle would prevent this but was told that bears can run faster than a bicycle. In fact, they can run faster than a moped. That is why motorbikes are needed. In addition, they are built to be more like what we call a dirt bike, enabling them to traverse steep, muddy and difficult terrain.

What do such tools cost? It seems that no matter what country you are in, you can purchase a new motorbike for around \$1250. Of course there is a need for a license, a helmet and some gasoline but usually, if we can provide the motorbike, the national preacher will find a way to take care of the other expenses.

You can watch a three minute video on the need for preachers to have a motorbike. To see it you have two options:

1. Go to the Final Frontiers YouTube channel and click "David Tippleswamy: Motor Bikes for India" or
2. Go to FinalFrontiers.world and visit our radio program page and search for episode 6. There you can also hear the incredible testimony of this preacher.



By Daniel Nelms

The 1,250 PowerPack “Picos” have arrived in our office! This project will ensure that every family in the Yine Tribe will own their own copy of The Word of God and a clear Gospel message in their own language!

This is a major and historical achievement and we could not have done it without your generous support and prayer!

People who have heard about this project are excited, and for a good reason. Even our local community is getting involved. The teenagers at the local Christian school where my children attend are stepping up to help us add the final touches to these by individually testing each unit and adding stickers, which should allow them to more easily clear customs in Peru (and save us a lot of money).

What is even more miraculous, is that of the tens of thousands of people on our mailing list and Facebook followers, we reached this goal by the generosity of just 12 families and churches. Imagine what could be accomplished if YOU got personally involved in missions?

We have learned that some of you never received our emails but wanted to help (so check your spam folder and make sure we have not accidentally had our email directed to it). For those of you who do want to take part in this historical event, please know

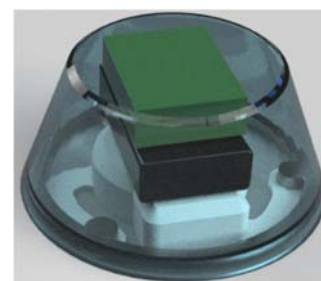


that we can use extra funds, this will provide things like additional solar charging stations, provision for travel to document the deployment on video, as well as hiring a pilot with a pontoon plane and paying for canoe rides to speed up the distribution. Any funds that are leftover will be used to reach the next tribe!

From myself, the Final Frontiers staff, our national preachers in Peru, and the Yine people, please allow me to say THANK YOU!

Oh by the way ... we do have other projects in the works that will be as amazing and historical as these have been. About five years ago I started a research and development branch of our ministry called AMT (Advancing Missions Through Technology). AMT has given us the PowerPack, the *MINI*, the *NANO* and now the *PICO*. These tools have been responsible for bringing tens of thousands to Christ and starting over four hundred churches. However, AMT is perhaps the most underfunded branch of our ministry. I am also in the process of developing a new product that I'll tell you about later.

Here's a concept rendering. ➔



AN ONGOING SERIES

THE CONUNDRUMS OF MISSIONS



A CONUNDRUM IS DEFINED AS "A CONFUSING AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM OR QUESTION".

EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SURFACE CAUSE AND A SURFACE SOLUTION. IN THIS SERIES WE HOPE TO PEEL BACK THE LAYERS THAT WILL REVEAL NOT ONLY THE PROBLEM BUT ALSO THE CAUSE, THE ROOT CAUSES, THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND THE STEPS TO RESOLVE IT.

WHY DO WE FEEL THAT IT IS WRONG FOR A MISSIONARY TO MAKE A LIVING BY WORKING ON THE FIELD RATHER THAN GETTING HIS SUPPORT ONLY FROM SUPPORTING CHURCHES AND FAMILIES BY GOING ON DEPUTATION?



By Jon Nelms

It is my belief that the day is fast approaching that missions will return to its roots. That has already begun with the Final Frontiers, ground-breaking philosophy of funding national preachers in addition to supporting American missionaries. But there are more changes yet to follow. For the good or the bad, depending on your point of view.

Many don't realize it, but two hundred plus years ago, if the word "missions" was spoken at all, it was in reference to reaching our own, unconquered woodlands, spreading the Gospel "out west" (meaning Ohio) or ministering to the native Indians of the Eastern Seaboard. George Whitfield, the Wesley brothers, David Brainerd and others were the pioneers of his revival of missions. Then half a century later, men like Carey and Judson opened our eyes to new missionary ventures by taking the Gospel beyond our borders to reach the uttermost parts of the earth. When the concept of "missions" *took off* again in the United States and Europe, most missionaries were funded entirely by boards, not by deputation. (I have been researching the subject for a year for a book I am writing and have yet to come up with a definitive answer as to who invented deputation, why and when.) Men like Livingstone, Carey, Judson and Taylor were all board funded and Taylor eventually left his original board and started another one. (The experts who ran the board didn't like him dressing, eating and living like a Chinese national and they were also opposed to him training nationals to do the work of a "missionary", which to them was defined as only a white American or European. Sound familiar?!)

None of these men went on deputation, though they did later take some infrequent furloughs to seek additional funding (after becoming internationally known by their exploits, sufferings and accomplishments). They also invested in and eventually derived a great portion of their personal and ministry funding by starting, owning and operating businesses. (Sit down, take a deep breath and relax, I promise it will get better.)

Carey started a newspaper, an elementary school, the first girl's school in India, a Bible College and the first degree-granting university in India, which still operates today. He also had factories and other business ventures and was heavily involved politically, helping to stamp out immoral, cultural practices like suttee (the practice of burning alive a widow on her husband's funeral pyre). To be honest, of his two houses that I have slept in, both were what could only be described as mansions. One is still used as the parsonage of the Carey Baptist Church in Calcutta (now called Kolkata) and the other is operated as a hotel (bed and breakfast) by a missionary family from Australia. It

sits inside a walled, sprawling estate with typical British gardens. The old print shop is just next door. (Sorry if I popped a bubble, but where is it written that a missionary has to be a beggar, dressing his family in rags while his devoted patrons back home live in luxury and ease?) I know some rightly get upset when they see a missionary living better than they do, after all, they pay his salary. Point made. But what if they don't pay his salary? What if like Paul, he earns his own keep?

Livingstone was known as an explorer and reaped income from that venture to the point that he became a famous philanthropist. Believe me, you don't make enough money to be able to give a fortune away, simply by being a missionary. He wrote books, published maps, booked speaking engagements, entertained royalty with his stories and the upper class drew status by serving him as a patron of the humanities. My, how the image of a missionary has changed over the decades. We used to be considered the best dressed, best educated, most zealous, most fervent and most productive of God's servants (except for the occasional Charles Spurgeon or Jonathan Edwards of course). What happened?

Now honestly, there were legions of missionaries who went hungry, suffered greatly and whose names were never known on this side of eternity. As the first blazed the trails into unreached territories, they usually did so in urban areas. Those who followed them went to rural and jungle regions where they were likely not to return. Then others intentionally ventured into dangerous war zones, hostile to Americans and British alike. Judson spent years in prison because Burma was at war with England (and so was America) and since he was white and spoke English, the king considered him to be British and imprisoned him. He suffered because of his color as much as his calling. By the way, he was kicked out of India, where he believed he was called, because he was an American and the English, which controlled (literally founded and named) Calcutta, did not want an American "spy" living in their colony. They, being the British East India Company, which held both a commercial and military mandate over the colonies, expelled him from India.

Over time missionaries began to be viewed as uneducated, overly zealous men who wasted what could have been a good life and expensive education on cannibals, who were more interested in eating them than listening to them. Yet their legions marched on. During that time, those financed by boards had to weaken their doctrines to maintain support, or learn to live by faith. Logically in doing so they sought "outside" support, which lead eventually to the formation of faith missions (Hudson Taylor probably being the first to do so) and the concept of deputation.

Where does that leave us? Today it often takes missionaries 6-8 years to raise support while thirty years ago it took only 2-4. That's primarily because the cost of living has risen along with frequent travel, and missionaries expect more benefits than their predecessors did. Thirty years ago a missionary with \$3000

monthly support was considered a tycoon. Today a missionary with \$6,000 monthly support feels that he is living in poverty.

Times change, budgets change and expectations change. As a result, the manner of raising support must change or at least be supplemented. We no longer ride horses and carts, we own cars and trucks. We have homes with appliances just like real people do and why not? Curtis Hutson used to say, "you can't go into all the world at 55 miles an hour". Well, try doing it at three miles an hour on a donkey! Things have changed, and the more they change the more it costs to keep up and frankly, we have gotten to the point that we cannot keep up and live above a starvation level; so we raise more and more, and spend more and more time doing so. Churches get discouraged because men they have supported for six years are still on deputation so they drop them and now the missionary has to stay longer to make up for the dropped support. But what if he didn't have to "raise" support to live on. What if it was just to get enough to jump start his ministry because he was going to live off his job? What if we support experienced business men (like Paul) who could also preach the Gospel (like Paul) but were not incumbered with years of deputation. Maybe we help to "jumpstart" their overseas business so that it could support them for the rest of their lives, including in retirement, should they choose to do so?

I believe that it is both logical and Biblical for missionaries to survive in part or in full, from personal business. Some say that will surely take the missionary away from ministry but I disagree. I feel it will engulf him in ministry. Missionaries, like pastors, are often confined to hours in their office, away from the populace at large. Members can call a pastor but missionaries are generally unknown to the public and often unable to adequately speak the languages. And besides, did you realize that a large majority of pastors in America work outside their church. Business does not keep them from serving God, to the contrary, it enables them to do so. I know a pastor who is a roofer. He roofs houses so that he can be the pastor of a small church that cannot afford to pay him a full time salary. In the future if it can, then he has a decision to make. But a missionary is not a pastor. He is a perpetual church planter. Disagree if you like but prove your point biblically. I can certainly prove mine, and the Bible never contradicts itself.

It may be nearly impossible to get a missionary visa to most any country nowadays, but you can get a business visa. What would it cost to open a barber shop, or a drycleaners (used equipment purchased online of course). A little experience here, a few months of raising support and off you go. No deputation, just witnessing while you work and working while you witness. No furlough, just occasional vacations where you actually get to spend time with your family rather than traversing the USA. And who knows, maybe even a retirement plan so you can take care of yourself in old age. By the way, did you know that in many countries you can get 5, 10, 20, 30% interest on a CD? (Just a few years ago Indian banks were offering 12% interest annually on checking accounts!) Sure you could lose it but you don't have to leave it there forever, invest it in another business location, rental property, whatever. You can lose all you've saved up, no matter where you live. (Ever hear of a stock market crash?)

Imagine a missionary who owns a small business. He has employees with whom he has daily contact. Clients and salespeople that he interacts with. Vendors and wholesalers with whom he meets and customers with whom he rubs shoulders. Each of these is an opportunity for ongoing witness and testimony. What employees or wholesaler will turn down a luncheon meeting, a Christmas gathering in his home or a staff meeting. Imagine a school teacher having 5-8 classes a day filled with students to whom they can witness and also host meetings in their home to meet the parents of the students, the principal and the school board members. (I'm talking conversational English, not grammar.) You're an American. In most cases there is no other degree or qualification required; unless you're from New Juwasee; in that case a few months in the South and you'll be speaking perfect English just like the rest of us.

Imagine a missionary who is a skilled and honest mechanic who opens a repair shop to actually repair broken equipment at a reasonable price with a guarantee. Don't you think word of that would get around and his business would swell? (OK, maybe that's too much to imagine but what if!)

Imagine if you are a certified counselor and every day people pay to come talk to you. Do you think you could give them answers from the Bible? Maybe you could invite them to your weekend group sessions on Sundays.

Truthfully, we have never had a problem with missionaries doing these types of jobs, it's just we don't want them to get paid to do them. We want them to depend on us for some reason, but Paul never did that. He told the church at Corinth that the entire time he was with them (some say up to 13 years, others six years) that he never took a cent from them, he raised all his support and the support for the men with him like Timothy, etc., by working with his own hands making tents. He was proud to admit it and he was our example to do it.

Our tried and true method of doing tent making is to support Christian school teachers overseas, but we don't realize that the school then charges the missionary tuition to teach their kids. What! You didn't know that did you? We support aviation ministries to benefit and transport missionaries and their equipment but many of them also charge the missionaries, sometimes at a rate higher than a commercial airline would charge. And you thought you knew what was going on in missions. Let me show you how *true* "tent making" works, using the example of a family who serves as missionaries with Final Frontiers. Lori is an American missionary who married a Ukrainian national church planter.



AN RECENT LETTER FROM LORI AND OLEG ENSKAYA ...

The Lord has been leading our church to start a tent making ministry to help make the TAL feeding center more sustainable for some time. We have been corporately praying as a church for direction and wisdom as to how to get something started and what exactly to do. We have also been researching the best way to make sure that our church and feeding ministry wouldn't be seen here as another church, "get rich" scheme.

The Lord led us to the concept of a "social enterprise" business that directly reinvests its profits into charity with legally binding contracts. Just as the Lord led us to social enterprise, the Lord began bringing grant application opportunities to us through many different avenues here in the Ukraine.

In August, my wife Lori (above) had the opportunity to apply to attend a Social Enterprise Extension School held by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our church began to pray that if this was indeed the Lord's will for our church, that she would be accepted. In September, we found out that her application was

one of 15 accepted from the 85 that had been submitted from across Ukraine.

In October, Lori went to the week long intensive course and learned a great deal about Social Enterprise, what it entails, and how to legally set up such a venture. This schooling came with the opportunity to submit a social enterprise project with the potential of a partial financing grant from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On the 22nd of October, Lori went to the project presentation event and presented our concept of an Educational Coffee Shop (and she did it in the Russian language). Our project was one of the five that gained enough points with the Polish and Ukrainian jury, to obtain financing.

After much prayer and work putting the project together, we see the Lord's hand in guiding us further along this path of tent making through social enterprise. We are very excited at the contacts and knowledge we gained through this school and project presentation process.

This month we will receive funding to purchase a professional coffee/espresso machine and professional coffee bean grinder. We know that the Lord will provide the rest of our start up needs to get our Educational Coffee Shop up and running. The Kingdom of God will be advanced and His name will be glorified by this tent making venture!

Imagine, for less than the equivalent of six months support they can be completely outfitted, self supporting, give jobs to church members who will tithe and have a ministry / business

plan that can be duplicated all over Eastern Europe. Look out Starbucks!

Their church already has a professional chef and baker who are refugees from the Crimea and their new campus, though in need of renovation (thus the costs) is four floors with two soccer fields, one is rented as a practice field by a professional team, and their facility is across the street from a State University with over 5,000 students. There is no coffee shop or restaurant within walking distance.

They also have an existing Bible Institute and space for dormitories, classrooms, a coffee shop, restaurant and bookstore as well as their church. Where they are located they are within two hours of Moldova, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland. This is a perfect opportunity not only to reach multiple countries but to reintroduce "tent making" to the churches here in America.

If you would like to contribute to their "start up" needs, send your tax deductible gift to Final Frontiers designated for "Ukraine".



ON THE EDGE OF BHUTAN



By Joshua Martyn, Media Director

On several occasions in recent years, I've had the privilege of traveling to the border of the country called Bhutan, which is perched on the edge of North Eastern India. This is primarily a Buddhist nation ruled by a literal king. In fact, the political chambers and ancient Buddhist temples around the country both share the same fortress looking structures, which they call Dzongs.

I've stood there on the India side and touched the moss covered, stone wall that separates the two countries, thinking about the people on the other side who are lost in so many superstitions that date clear back to the 7th century A.D.

I've stood there several times, just across the street from one of their massive, ornately carved gates that are painted with symbolic dragons. They mark the entrance to the start of their kingdom and to the foot hills of the Himalayas beyond. It does us good to stand in needy places like this and consider the plight of the lost and dying souls just beyond our present reach. It does us well to stand before such walls and gates and soberly consider the converts that are persecuted by their own families—the Christians who have been imprisoned for sharing their faith, and the possibility of the countless stories we have not yet even heard. Bhutan is such a place as this; it's a closed country in a little known corner of the world with their own tales of



The typical architecture of a Dzong.

persecution.

Through partnership with the Faith Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff Missouri, I've been involved in what we call the Pioneer Project—something we hope to inspire other congregations to get involved with on their own, no matter their size. We target closed countries, or places with no known Christian influence, like Bhutan. Then we begin the research process, and follow it all the way to a boots on the ground recon trip where we try to find



An outdoor showing of the Jesus Film in the local language. If you look carefully you can see the projector on the tripod and barely see the crowd through the darkness. The low speed photo shows the trail of the white shirt worn by a man looking for a better view.



Touching the moss covered, stone wall that separates Bhutan from India.

out first hand if there are any believers there; and if not, how we can help get the Gospel to them. Then we come back and create a full magazine report and video presentation to inform churches about opportunities for reaching these forgotten or fearful places for Christ. Bhutan was our first venture, and we traveled along it's border as well as through several cities and rural locations inside the country.

On the India side, we met one particular Christian man on



Joshua Martyn gives a PowerPack to the brother with a Bible Institute. It is now being used in northern India near Bhutan.

whom God had laid a burden to reach the nation of Bhutan. He had researched the country, and been heavily impressed to pursue evangelism among Bhutanese people. (We won't mention his name here for the sake of protecting his identity, but I can tell you he has received a POWERPACK this past year, and Final Frontiers is supporting some of his Timothys.) I personally know he's even traveled by way of an inflated inner tube, along with a Bhutanese pastor he's been training. They do



this to cross over a bordering river to reach a secret house church. I once had the thrill of testing the method myself with him. He is a good man, with a good heart—though the work is often slow and discouraging.

The best way he's discovered to get the Gospel into that country, besides smuggling tracts, was the same as what our reconnaissance mission had impressed upon us ... A strong Biblical institute needed to be started somewhere on the India side, so that Bhutanese converts could come there and learn how to preach the Word of God and start churches. In the few years since my first trip, I learned that he has done just that, having already started a place for training.

Since that first trip I've had the privilege of teaching in his institute and have met several Bhutanese students who have come over the border to study with him and to follow Christ, after years of training in Buddhist monasteries; following the teachings of Buddha. One young man, who has been suffering from stomach issues, after seven years of living as a Buddhist monk and being involved in ritual fasting, spoke of his desire to go back inside Bhutan and try to reach his own village. It is a task that only the power of the Holy Spirit could accomplish through him. He has six unsaved siblings; and, as he puts it: ["my father is very stubborn in Buddhism"](#).

I've seen the location of the institute change several times over the past few years due to financial difficulties, but the sound training he endeavors to give the students has remained the same. He has a real thirst for giving them strong biblical training, because of the strange and unbiblical doctrines that are seeping into the Indian churches in that area.

I have been encouraged to see that he also likes to give his students hands-on experience there in India, in the rural places just outside their present city, where there are yet plenty of villages to evangelize. Every so often I hear special reports from him, and I get to see pictures of how he's taken the students out and has been handing out tracts in a village, or getting the chance to preach in another brand new location. He and his wife both lead by example in the area of one on one witnessing. One random message with pictures I received this past year read:

["7 got baptism today."](#) Such powerful reports, no matter the length or style of grammar, are such a joy to receive.

The one thing he loves to do is to take the POWERPACK into a village and use it to draw in crowds that he can preach the Gospel to. A few months back I received some pictures he had taken along with a message that read: ["We invite Muslim children and show Jesus movie. Thank you for your prayer."](#)

Just as many other national preachers in India, he dearly appreciates this tool created by AMT (ADVANCING MISSIONS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY) here at Final Frontiers. It has so many advantages, compared to the first time I saw him and his co-laborer setting up an evangelistic film in a village before they received a POWERPACK. I remember seeing them working in the fading light of dusk with a fidgety projector and power cords, and a very distorted PA system. I still remember the big bed sheet that I helped them rig up on a wire between two poles. Hundreds of people gathered that night to see the film, and then heard the preaching; and many went away with the tracts that were given out among the crowd at the end. Now with the POWERPACK it is so much easier for them to accomplish these evangelistic thrusts into new areas.

In a recent conversation he texted me the following messages: ["Yes, it went well. It was in a village. Around 70 people turned up. They are very happy seeing Jesus movie. They still wanted to see some more Christian Movie... it was chilling to travel at night in bike, however we enjoyed the time we spend. Thank you. We are going again to another village day after tomorrow. Pray that all will went well again."](#) And then after the meeting he wrote: ["Around 80 people turned up. People were very attentive to the film and the preaching of the Gospel. Some people responded. Thank you for your prayer."](#)

Recently, Daniel Nelms and I talked about the country of Bhutan in Season 1, Episode 4 of the FINAL FRONTIERS RADIO SHOW PODCAST. You can find the episode at www.FinalFrontiers.world. Likewise, if you want to learn more about this country you can also contact Faith Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff Missouri at: (573-429-7769) for a copy of their Pioneer Project magazine report.



To national preachers, a motorcycle is a tool for carrying Timothys in training and tools like the POWERPACK, allowing them the ability to go further in one day than they could walk in a week. This tool, which generally is about \$1200 anywhere in the world, allows the Gospel to spread further and faster than ever in history.



In the capital city of Bhutan there is a large image of Buddha, where worshippers stop to pray. Near the Tiger's Nest is a monastery where young men are trained to be Buddhist monks. Some monks now follow Christ and are winning souls and starting house churches.

I hope you will pray for the country of Bhutan as well as the young Timothys that this man is training. And please pray that God protects them as they use the POWERPACK along the borders of Bhutan and deep into the villages of India. If you would be interested in supporting a national church planter who has targeted this region, please let us know. Monthly support is \$50 but we also receive funding of any amount that can be pooled to pay for such things as Bibles, tracts, training, motorcycles and the items needed for these national preachers to give a thorough witness about Christ to those who have yet to hear about Him.





Realities often begin with a dream and dreams are sometimes birthed by a need. That was the case in our situation.

In late 2005, my wife Juanita, less than a year before her passing, sponsored our first TOUCH A LIFE child in Honduras. Soon the one child grew to become our first feeding center with about thirty kids. Then Pastor Jim Nagy from Frist Baptist in Gilbert, WV brought a group from his church to see what we were doing. I was not able to be on our first VISIONARY TRIP because my wife was in intensive care, not expected to make it through the week. His church blessed us with the funds to purchase our first property so that we could build a structure that could house our overflowing rental property. Over the years we grew from one feeding center to seven in Honduras alone. Then we went from feeding only "sponsored" children, to nearly doubling the total eating by using funds from our DAILY BREAD ministry.

Since that time we have added feeding centers in Ghana, Uganda, Ukraine, Myanmar, Cambodia and India (2).

It didn't take long to see that our ability to feed hungry children was hindered by the lack of funds to buy more food. So once again, we found ourselves perplexed and handicapped by a problem. But where there is a problem, there is a solution waiting to be revealed; and that solution was to shift from the wholesale and retail *purchase* of food to the *production* of food; including chickens, eggs, pork and beef.

For several years now, those who visiting us on VISIONARY TRIPS have seen the land we wanted to purchase (just across the bridge), but it was always financially outside our grasp. And when we found what we believed to be the perfect property, we had great difficulty in finding who the owner was and making contact. Once we did, she asked an incredible price. Fair to be sure, but far too much for us. For some time we looked elsewhere but each time the deal would fall through for one reason or another. Then last summer a miracle occurred.

Having been told of another parcel of land for sale, which happened to be next door to what we were hoping for, we went out to survey that land. It was perfect but expensive. While there I asked our general manager to make one more attempt to find the owner of the preferred land. For several years all attempts to find her had failed. No phone number, no address and not even a name to search for.

But on this day, after walking off the land, our general manager went off in one direction and I, Keith Penny and Jonathan Atkinson in another. Within seconds we noticed a car at the end of the dirt road. It was peculiar to me because we know the man who lives there. He has no car, no motorcycle, not even a bicycle. So why would there be a car there? I looked at the guys and wondered out loud if maybe that is the owner of the property. When we approached Jonathan went to investigate and in a moment the front door of the house opened and the lady who walked out looked ecstatic and came over to my truck. It was



her, the long lost owner. She said that she had received several offers but that God had told her to sell the property to us, and that she had been unable to find us. She was praying that we could find each other.

This lady, a devout Catholic, understands that we are not; but says that the Lord put it in her heart to sell us the land because of what we are doing to help the children, and whereas she had asked one price years earlier, she was now willing to negotiate.

Unknown to her, about six months earlier we were trying to purchase a different property, and had been given a grant of \$65,000 to buy it. That money was sitting in the bank waiting to be used and now, the property that was previously offered to us for \$70,000 was now able to be ours for only \$40,000. It's a rare thing in life to have the money you need before you need the money. God had done the miraculous. No doubt He knows what other expenses we will have and had met them in advance.

Once again, contact was lost. The owner left to go to the States for a weekend and didn't come back for six months. And when she did, the government offices were closing for the holidays, not opening again until late January. But we are ready.

The property has a house and two storage facilities that need roofs and a great deal of repair. There are nearly 60 mango trees and numerous lemon and mandarin orange trees and some twenty-three acres of land with river frontage and a well that needs to be rebuilt. (I told you there was a need for extra funds.)

So with all this, we will be able to grow beans, corn, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, squash, melons, and anything else we need, as well as have a small egg farm, laying hens, and sufficient pigs and cows for meat as well as one or two dairy cows to make our own butter, cheese and cream. Now all we need to do is find her again and get down to the government offices and sign the papers. I'll be in Honduras in February, hoping to take care of all these needs. Please keep us in prayer that our long journey of becoming self-sufficient will finally be realized. God willing, as time passes, we will buy up more land and produce more food that we can then sell at the market so that our Honduras ministry can be totally self sustaining and contribute to other countries.



POWERPACK



As our longtime partners know, we actively watch each aspect of our ministry, in an effort to know where we may fail and where we may succeed. By doing this we can know what we are doing that is productive in ministry and what is not. Often times, ministries will have “pet” projects that while they may be dear to the founder or a major donor, they are not necessarily productive in fulfilling the ministry’s overall purpose. Our ongoing ministry audits prevent us from falling into that trap.

In each branch of our ministry tree we maintain records so that we can at a moment’s notice, examine the effectiveness of the project and thereby make determinations for adjusting funding and the need to promote the project.

On our FinalFrontiers.world website, you can scroll to our PowerPack page to learn more about this product in detail. For a summary and for accountability purposes we have prepared the following. Please be aware that though our PowerPack Mini, Micro, Nano and Pico are all a part of the PowerPack branch, they have not been in use long enough for us to gather significant data. Thus, what you will read below are the results of the original and more costly PowerPack units

FROM MAY 2013 TO DECEMBER 2017

• Overall Statistics for program since inception:

Commercial PowerPacks deployed	9
Non-commercial PowerPacks deployed	30
Waiting to deploy	3
Lifetime produced	42
Total Reports	894
Attendance	486,196
Conversions	163,349
Churches Started	424

• POWERPACK ANALYSIS COMBINED SINCE INCEPTION OF PROGRAM:

A.P.PP. (Attendance per PowerPack)	18,007	Not counting recently deployed packs
S.P.PP. (Salvations per PowerPack)	6,050	
C.P.PP. (Church started per PowerPack)	15.7	

• COST ANALYSIS PER POWERPACK SINCE INCEPTION OF PROGRAM:

C.P.S. (Cost per Salvation)	\$0.45
C.P.C. (Cost per new Church)	\$172.52

• PURCHASE INFORMATION:

Big Pack	\$4,999.99	(for larger audience, more equipment)
Mini	\$2,999.99	
Micro	\$999.99	
Nano	\$35	(650+ units currently deployed)
Pico	\$10	(1,400 units currently deployed)

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MAKING SENSE OF OUR NUMBERS



By Jon Nelms

Last year, I expected some confusion to ensue when I wrote an article (on page 4 of the FIRST QUARTER 2017 PROGRESS REPORT), explaining the format changes in our statistical accountability and why. Though I anticipated most of you would not notice or care, for others I feared this would create some confusion, thus I wrote an explanation in advance, outlining the changes. The remainder of this article is an edited *and* expanded copy of that correspondence. Though technical, I think you will both enjoy and learn from reading this.

Recently, we had a legitimate inquiry about our statistical reporting comprised of two primary concerns.

- 1) why is there a dramatic increase in our published statistics
- 2) with the number of preachers we have, how could they have started so many new churches in so short a time period.

ISSUE ONE ... WHY THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE STATISTICS?

For 30 years we have only reported to you what was reported to us by the preachers we directly supported. In 2017 we began making you aware of a more realistic total of our ministry outreach, including their ongoing results as well. Understand that our church planters not only start churches, they also train their new Timothys in each new church by example and instruction, to start churches as well. Our statistics reflected that total, based entirely on the reports we have received from the field. But they also included the *accumulated totals* of 1986 through 2016 that we had never reported. I feared that publishing the updated numbers, all at one time, would have been hard to accept; so I decided we would add them gradually over a year's time. Unfortunately, my attempt to avoid as much confusion as possible evidently created it.

There are many things we do that are never mentioned. For example, in our reporting there is no mention of the twelve churches that I have started around the world. Why? Because this is not the Jon Nelms ministry; it is Final Frontiers, and we only proclaim and support the works of national church planters. But in doing that, we don't included stats from our TOUCH A LIFE ministry or SMUGGLERS, or AUDIO BIBLES, etc. because there is no way of accurately knowing what they accomplish.

In the early years, when we had yet to start even 300 churches, a missionary and a pastor publicly assumed that we were being less than honest with our reporting, so I began to scale back on the reports I published. By doing this I reported only what the supported preachers personally reported and not

what their overall ministry actually produced. To protect our reputation, we made sure that every number was verified by a report we received from each preacher. In the past thirty years we have kept every single report and can therefore verify their labors. (Who else does that?). Of course there were many years that from some places, like the Middle East, China, Vietnam, etc. we did not receive reports. Vietnam alone had for years, over 15% of our total number of preachers and yet we did not report their labors because they could not get reports to us on a regular basis and we did not want to expose their work to the communist government that persecuted them. God knew what they were accomplishing even if we, and therefore you, did not.

In recent years, technology and additional home office staff has allowed us to be able to verify, not only what the individual preachers accomplish but also what their overall ministry, including the Timothys under their leadership, produces. Technologically, we are now able to account for their downline ministry results. That being said, why should we not do so and thereby encourage you with their accomplishments?

ISSUE TWO ... HOW COULD OUR PREACHERS START SO MANY CHURCHES IN A GIVEN TIME PERIOD?

We now have nearly 1,400 sponsored preachers plus another 1,725 who are deceased or no longer officially working with us. In addition, we have had over 25,000 graduated Timothys in our network; all of whom are church planters. Conservatively, that's nearly 28,000 preachers who've started, 208,782 in a little over 31 years. That comes to an average of only 7.5 new churches each in a 31 years history of church planting. In my opinion such an army of church planters should be able to produce even greater results. I too am concerned about the numbers ... Why are they so low?

In my original article, I pointed out that three years ago I went to Honduras and though I had no plans to do so, started three churches in two weeks. Most missionaries may be tempted to think that is impossible. The problem is that most of us judge ability or the lack thereof, on their misunderstanding of missions and how to do it. Paul and his disciples started so many churches, he proclaimed that in order to find an unreached place to preach (*plant another church*) he was having to leave for Spain.

Are we expected to believe there were no churches that would host Paul and no cities to which he could not return to speak in. Impossible. So why did he say that? Paul was a missionary, meaning he was a *church planter*, not a pastor serving in another

country. We really don't know how many churches he started but we do know from Biblical texts that he had thoroughly saturated what is today Greece, Macedonia, Albania, Bulgaria, Crete, Malta and Turkey. Historically we know that he had also gone as far north as Romania and Hungary so he had probably also covered Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Slovenia. More historical evidence suggests that he planted churches in northern Italy, southern France, Spain and even England. And keep in mind that during much of this time he was in prison. How then did he do so much, in so little time without a car, a computer or pre-packaged discipleship courses?

Most Americans would consider this to be impossible. That is because they incorrectly see the missionary as being both the planter and the pastor of a church when biblically, he is only the planter. He should start it, ground it and then move on, leaving it in capable hands of a pastor. The biblical pattern is that pastors, remain with the flock, missionaries move on and start more congregations. Paul stayed in Corinth longer than any other place but some disagree on how long he stayed; yet we know that he was in Thessalonica for only three weeks and left behind a church. How could he do that? Well, to be honest, if he used modern missions methods, he couldn't. But he didn't and herein lies our secret—*neither do we*. Thus, he had large, unbelievable results—and *so do we*. The biblical method he taught us works by spreading the Gospel at a rapid pace freeing missionaries to be missionaries and pastors to be pastors.

We at Final Frontiers see missions (church planting) as a separate calling from God than that of being a prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher. To Paul, and to us, a missionary goes where the gospel has not been preached rather than building on other men's foundations. He introduces and declares Christ and converts the initial converts. He stays as long as he must to train up a pastor unless, like Paul, he has pastoral men traveling with him (Timothy, Titus, etc.) who can stay behind while he, as the missionary, moves on to the next unreached village. Thus, the number of churches (Hudson Taylor called them "preaching stations") that one man can "start" is dependent on the number of competent "Timothys" he has at his disposal.

IN A NUT SHELL ...

Historically, we reported only what our supported "Paul's" were doing. In January 2017, after thirty years of intentionally under-reporting, I decided to "catch up" by adding their unreported accomplishments, one quarter at a time, until we finally caught up in this issue, with stats from the end of December 2017.

Moving forward, our "collective" reporting that you see on the back page, will be the sum of our total years of *ministry results* accomplished by the preachers and Timothies in our *entire network* over those years. Not just by the preachers and Timothies we support at this moment. That, I believe, is where most of the confusion comes from.

SOME WILL ASK, WHY HAVE REPORTING AT ALL?

One word ... ACCOUNTABILITY.

Have you ever been to a basketball game? Each team has staff who are constantly recording statistics. Why? So they can verify the value of each player. These records tell them who to reward and who to let go of at the end of the contract, or who to praise and who to encourage or discipline. We keep stats in medicine (clinical trials), in business (the stock market), in our finances (quarterly statements), in government (the General Accounting Office), and even in your church. Those statistics are reported in your weekly bulletin and business meetings.

There is nothing wrong with keeping records to improve your service and efforts by time and project comparisons. It is part of being a responsible steward. Why should we do our Lord's work in a way that is less accountable than we do man's work? If we keep true and accurate records and pay attention to what they tell

us, they will reveal our weaknesses and enhance our strengths.

When I was a young boy, we lived for two years in Rome Georgia. That was the first time I can remember going out for a hamburger. There was a place called *Burger Chef* that I loved to visit. The food was great and the sauce they put on the burgers was heavenly. But one day a new place opened across the street called McDonalds. We began eating there also, though in my mind, Burger Chef was superior. One day, while quickly choosing between the two, we noticed an addition hanging on the bottom of the McDonalds sign boasting, "*Over half a million hamburgers served*". We watched, as over time, the sign changed to "one million", then "two million", then "three million" and eventually to simply "millions". I also noticed that the larger the number grew the less frequently we and others ate at Burger Chef, though it was still my favorite. Superior taste ultimately gave way to superior advertising. Eventually, Burger Chef joined the dinosaurs on the timeline of history. And though I can still taste their sauce in my mouth, the flavor remains but a cherished memory while McDonalds went on to change their sign to "*billions and billions sold*". Finally in 1994 they removed the dangling signs when they reached 99 billion. Advertising success for most creates excitement but for some, doubt.

Burger King started at about the same time and never mentioned their "numbers". Not because they didn't have them but statistically, they couldn't compare. So, they chose to advertise their burger's quality (grilled vs. fried) and their speed of service. In the beginning you had your order in 60 seconds or it was free! They understood the rule of marketing, that to compete, they had to stand out. And if you think missionaries are not competing for the limited missions funds available, think again. Wanting to stand out and gaining the results of it, has taken missionaries from slides to videos and quarterly letters to daily Facebook postings.

Americans were for a time, left with two choices, you could add to McDonald's statistics or you could "have it your way" at Burger King. Today, no startup would dare mention numbers. They would be starting from too far behind. Even if their numbers were incredible, compared to McDonalds estimated 300 billion (2014 estimate), they would still look like a failure; so they search for other ways to market their product ... Arby's "have the meat", Wendy's has square burgers and "where's the beef?" "White Castle and Krystal have bite-size square burgers and Dairy Queen has the "flamed broiled burger" and ice cream.

The bottom line is that they all want your business yet none of them are in the business of selling food. They are all in the business of making money. The path they take to do that, is to sell food. Ford, Apple, the NFL and General Electric all have the same goal as well, they just each have a different path of getting there. And over the centuries they have all learned what every successful business or kingdom has learned. The more you can legitimately impress customers, the more you grow.

Final Frontiers is in the business of missions, which is our Father's business. The more we can impress you (statistically) the more you will "invest" (donations), in our ministry product and the more often you'll pull up for a seat at our table (EMAIL ALERTS, PROGRESS REPORTS AND PODCASTS) and as a result, the more prayer, funding and partnership we will have available to excel at our Father's business.

We never say, "look what we have done" because "*WE*" don't do it. The national preachers do. We are merely *their* ad agency, encouraging you to partner in *their* ministry opportunities. Do you want to support a winning team or one that hopes to win? Do you want to invest in a growing, secure company or one that only looks good on paper? Do you want to support a ministry with an impressive record or just good intentions? I think the real question should not be how can we have such great results but rather, why aren't others having them too?

While we may have a ministry sign touting our numbers that are now growing exponentially, in my opinion, our network of preachers also make the best spiritual "burger" in the world!

THE STORIES BEHIND THE STORIES...

INTERESTING BACKGROUNDS OF OUR CHURCHES, FEEDING CENTERS, SCHOOLS, PREACHERS, WORKERS AND PROJECTS THAT YOU WILL BE BOTH BLESSED AND AMAZED TO LEARN ABOUT.

For many years we have faithfully supported our church planters, only to see them pass away and their families be left with no care giver or breadwinner to provide for them. Western Christians sometimes callously shrug off such a calamity saying that they (the national preachers) need to learn to depend on the Lord, as if they don't already and we do. We as missionaries can see to it that such tragedy never befalls our family by purchasing life insurance. But national preachers do not have the resources to do this and even if they did, they do not have the confidence that the company would pay the benefits.

We have done our best to help absorb such expenses and hospital costs and even burials but that does nothing to alleviate the monthly financial needs that result from loss of support. So as we always do when we see a problem, we look for a possible solution.

Many of you probably don't know about a system we have in place for our national church planters that we call our DEATH BENEFIT POLICY. Money for this is provided from a fund called BAGS OF HOPE, which was established feed widows and orphans, though most of the funding goes to unconverted families and is used as a witness tool, the purpose of the DEATH BENEFIT POLICY is to benefit the family of the deceased should they "go home."

This of course is not a guarantee as a large number of deaths in a short time period would deplete the fund, But it is both our intention and plan to see to it that all surviving widows and orphans are cared for. Here's how it works.

At the death of a supported preacher, his family is given \$50 per year for each year the preacher served with Final Frontiers. (Ten years of service would equate to \$500.) While this is little compared to a life insurance policy in America, it will generally pay any medical expenses and funeral costs. We also continue providing the deceased preacher's support to his widow and orphans for an additional two years, giving them time to adjust their living situation, sell property, start a small business or make other necessary arrangements.

Missionary Randall Stirewalt, the regional director under whom Brother David was trained and served informed us of David's passing on November 9th, 2017 just shy of his 60th birthday with these words, "Brother David Gagula Elexander, church planter, husband, and father died due to complications of a stroke. His last words to his family were 'keep the faith' and 'take care of your mother', after which he closed his eyes and met his Savior."

And while no amount of money can ever sooth their loss, we hope that this will at the very least, ease their burden. Brother Gagula's family will be receiving not only a lump sum payment of \$1,200 and also continue to receive the regular monthly support he was getting from Final Frontiers for at least the next two years.

This is not the first time we've been able to assist in this way. Just a few short weeks ago, on Christmas eve, the adult son of Indian church planter, David Tippetwamy, passed away due to a tragic motorcycle accident. At age 31 he had begun to take over his dad's ministry and was pastoring several of the churches that he and his father had planted. That evening he had borrowed a motorcycle from a church member and was traveling to visit several other church members who were giving money to have a Christmas celebration at the church. Unfortunately he never made it.

After the accident, he was taken to a local hospital and died. Unfortunately for his family who was not present and on the scene, the ambulance took him to a private hospital, and they refused to release his body to the family until the bill was paid. This is a shocking reality of life in India, and is perfectly legal there. The bill presented to the family came to just under \$1000 US dollars, an impossibly high amount for the family to pay being equal to nearly two years income.

And while Basavaraja was not yet supported under our program and not technically eligible for this benefit we decided to assist them by faith providing the necessary funds to pay the hospital bill so that his body could be released and they could bury their son. It is our hope that a sympathetic reader will help replenish that amount so we will have the funds when needed to help the next family.

Brother Basavaraja was 31 years old and leaves behind his mother and father, a wife and three children. He was considered a Timothy by us and would have soon be approved as a supported church planter, had he survived.

The ability to do this for these servants of God and their families, is a tremendous blessing not only to them, but also to us. We have long felt a shame in our hearts to support a preacher and his family while he lives then abandon the family when he dies. Personally, I could never see a way nor devise a plan by which this problem could be solved. I am grateful that my son and son in law, Daniel Nelms and Michael Horne, after officially taking the reigns of this ministry, immediately set out to not only to find a solution but also to find a way to make it work. In the end it must be said that we could not provide this kind of death benefit to these families without the loving support you give as friends, partners and sponsors of our ministry. If you feel lead of the Lord to help us with this fund please designate your gift for "BAGS OF HOPE" or specifically for the "DEATH BENEFIT POLICY".

Above, David at left with his family in 2009

Below, David uses leaves to dam a small creek, making it deep enough to baptize new converts.

During his time with Final Frontiers he ...

- Evangelized 398 villages
- Started 74 new churches
- Converted 3,445 souls
- Baptized 1,973 of those converts (57%)

You can hear more about the life and ministry of these men on two of our recent podcasts found at

FINALFRONTIERS.WORLD

Also, we have a three minute video on our work in Uganda that features David Gagula. On it you can see his charm, feel his burden and catch his zeal for the Lord. It's a three minutes that will change your life.

You can find this video as a link in the "show notes" for season 1, episode 5. "Topics link #1".



Visionary Trips

a one week, missions exposure and adventure for American families, youth groups, schools and churches

"Lift up your eyes and look"

This is your Last Chance to register for 2018

The end of February is the last opportunity you will have to reserve a week this summer for a Visionary Trip to Honduras.

There are some misconceptions about our trips:

- ▶ Some think that only churches can reserve a week but every year we have singles, small groups and families that come as well. We have 10 extra private rooms available that can hold from one to eight people and each room is air conditioned and has its own modern, private bathroom. This means if a family of four come, mom and dad could have a private room and the monsters (I mean the darling little ones) can have a room of their own.
- ▶ Some think you have to be old to take a Visionary Trip but in reality, we have entire weeks booked of nothing but teenagers (those are the weeks that the staff need a lot of prayer!). We tailor the trip to show them the real world and burn off their energy with hikes, trips to waterfalls and playing with the kids. In the past we have ever arranged to have the groups play a local soccer team in the city's stadium. The Americans always get beat but its still a lot of fun.
- ▶ Some think you have to be young to go on a Visionary Trip but we have had guests come in their eighties. For the elderly we tend to take it a bit easier. You don't have to ride horses or hike to waterfalls, but if you want to you can. If you decide you want to stay back in the rooms and take a nap, chat with the local ladies or learn to make guacamole or handmade tortillas, my wife Nolin will be there to entertain you.
- ▶ And then there are others who think that our trips mean spending a week doing construction work. The truth is, if you want to work, we'll find something for you to do. There is always a church, house or barn to be built and

likely, by June, we will have started planting on our newly purchased farm. So if you're into gardening, we will have some 22 acres to entertain you with. Who knows, we might even have some pigs to slop and some cows to milk. And then of course, there's nothing like fresh eggs every morning generously donated by our free range chickens.

Whatever your dreams or desires, we'll do our best to make it all come true for you, while at the same time letting you meet our national pastor's, visit their churches and our many feeding centers. This year, God willing, we will hopefully be able to start another feeding center and church in a nearby village. As always, we'll visit what I call the "Fresh Brewed Baptist Church" in the mountains overlooking Cantaranas where each service begins with a home-grown, home-roasted, fresh cup of coffee. No coffee, no sermon. That's biblical isn't it?

In addition, we are adding some new adventures to our regular program. Not only will we visit the Tolupan Indians but we plan to hike to one of their remote villages as well as pass out medical/hygiene bags in several Tegucigalpa hospitals for the poor and maybe even visit a prison or two.

We have a lot to offer you this summer but we can't do it if you don't reserve a place. The only weeks still open are:

Just Three Weeks Left Open

- June 28 – July 5
- July 5 -12
- July 12-19

We're trying to bring more attention to our two primary Facebook pages, Final Frontiers and Touch A Life.

If you have "Liked Us" on one but not the other, please take a moment to do so. You will help us increase our influence and get more preachers and children sponsored.

Thanks so much!



HELP US GROW

As of December 31 ...

**Touch A Life has
2,831 Likes**

**Final Frontiers has
15,191 Likes**

Spread the word!!!



**VISIONARY
TRIPS**

February:

Honduras

April:

Philippines

May:

(School of Missions)

June-August:

Honduras
(Visionary Trips)

September:

Ukraine
Romania
Hungary
Bulgaria

January 2019:

India



**CHURCH
MEETINGS**

January:

Blacksburg, VA
Fredericksburg, VA
Lexington Park, MD
Atlanta, GA
Dallas, TX

February:

Calhoun, GA
Atlanta, GA
Athens, GA
Columbia, SC

March:

Fort Worth, TX
Dallas, TX
Arlington, TX
Birmingham, AL
Greensboro, NC

April:

Wilkesboro, NC

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NATIONAL PREACHER You can go to our website to choose a preacher or simply call our office and ask us to help you find a preacher from our most needy list. Sponsorship is \$50.00 monthly, and since we get most preachers two sponsors, you have the option of providing double sponsorship (\$100.00 monthly) if you prefer. The standard \$50 sponsorship includes \$10 support of our ministry and \$10 for the preacher's ongoing education and accountability overseas. This gives our foundation funds to operate with as well as providing for immediate emergency needs overseas. Typically up to half of this amount is used overseas.

You will receive personal correspondence from your preacher at least 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 training other men who are serving in the ministry.

TEAM Sponsorship is requested in increments of at least \$10.00 monthly. *TEAM* stands for *Together Effectively Advancing the Ministry*. Supported preachers function in groups for accountability purposes but they often collectively lack ministry tools that can be useful. The purpose of the *TEAM* funding is to provide each group with money to be used for such things as printing literature, buying bicycles for the traveling evangelists, emergency relief, and funding preachers who do not yet have a sponsor. Each trimester as the funds are mailed abroad, the national coordinator in each nation is asked to fill out a *TEAM* Report Form which we will copy and 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. This program allows those who cannot afford full sponsorship to still have a part in supporting national preachers.

TIMOTHY PROJECT \$10 monthly helps to provide scholarship funds for national Bible colleges, training young men, not yet ordained or graduated, who already meet our core requirements for sponsorship such as having experience as a church planter and being a discipler of others in the ministry. Once ordained, they will move into the ranks of veteran preachers and qualify for full sponsorship.

TOUCH A LIFE gives assistance to an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child. The \$35.00 monthly sponsorship provides for food, clothing, basic medical care, and educational assistance. All orphanages, home placement programs and feeding centers assisted by Final Frontiers are administered by pastors who are supported through this foundation and are operated as a ministry of a local church. Bi-monthly correspondence is required from the children. Funding distribution for the child is identical to that of the preachers (see the first paragraph) giving us extra funds to help unsponsored children. You can go online to select a child or call and ask for our help. Visit www.TAL.world for more information or call 800-522-4324.



DAILY BREAD is a similar program but does not have a specific sponsor/child designation, rather it is food bought in bulk to feed unspecified unsponsored children who are awaiting sponsorship. These centers also operate out of a local church. The goal of this program is to allow us to feed unsponsored children immediately while we seek full sponsorships for them, thus eventually a Daily Bread Center becomes a Touch A Life center.

SMUGGLERS funding in any amount is used to purchase and distribute Bibles. Many national pastors and Believers do not own a copy of God's Word. Smugglers helps to provide God's Word to those who desire it in free countries and in closed counties such as Islamic nations.

BAGS OF HOPE is our food distribution program feeding widows, orphans and persecuted families living primarily in the Islamic Middle East. Support for this program is \$20 monthly and provides food, clean water, medicine and vitamins for a family of four.



AUDIO BIBLES is an enhanced "dramatized audio Bible" in native tongues. The unique packaging allows it to be heard by several hundred people at a time. This tool is used in villages where no Bible is present, primarily to start or strengthen new churches. PROCLAIMERS cost \$165.00 per unit. Their great strength is that they present the Gospel in many languages where it does not exist in printed form. Nanos cost \$35 and Picos cost only \$10.

THE POWER PACK contains everything needed for one man to show a Gospel film in a village with no electricity without the need of a generator or four wheel drive vehicle. It comes in two forms. The Power Pack Plus includes camping gear. The pricing and details can be seen at www.ThePowerPack.org

OTHER Any offering given for our **HOME OFFICE NEEDS** or for the support of one of our **MISSIONARY REPRESENTATIVES**, whether monthly or a one time gift, will be applied 100% as designated.

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“COME AND SEE OUR ZEAL FOR THE LORD”

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SINCE OUR BEGINNING IN DECEMBER 1986, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR NETWORK OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PREACHERS, TIMOTHIES AND THEIR TRAINEES, RECORDS INDICATE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ...

DURING THESE YEARS OUR NETWORK HAS ENCOMPASSED ...

208,782 Churches Started
 656,089 Villages Evangelized
 7,651,432 Professions of Faith
 2,649,286 Believers Baptized

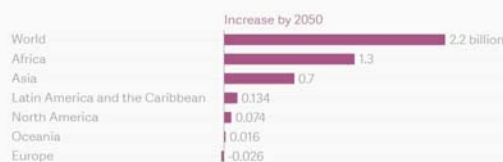
2,654 Preachers
 25,160 Timothies
 3,161 Touch A Life Kids



AROUND THE WORLD

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT ... AFRICA'S FUTURE POPULATION GROWTH

More than half of global population growth will happen in Africa



By the year 2050, the world should have a net population growth of 2.2 billion people and over fifty percent of that growth, 1.3 billion souls, will be African. With most of the growth being south of the Sahara Desert.

It is no coincidence then, that as the world gets older, it's population is getting younger. Currently, over 60% of all Africans are under age 25 compared to only 27% in Europe.

This should signal to those interested in mission work, that we need to give great effort towards ministering to the youth and young adults. It has been said that generally, the younger a person's age at the time of conversion, the more likely they are to remain in their faith.

It has also been lamented that Christianity in Africa is “a mile wide and an inch deep”. This is a description of the depth of Biblical knowledge and understanding that permeates the continent.

Being factual, it demonstrates that we must remember that the Great Commission was not singularly a command to make converts, but to make disciples.

Scores of missionaries have given their lives for the people there, yet the doctrine is so weak that it easily mixes with animism, witchcraft and even Islam. Let's make sure we equip our missionaries and national preachers with the knowledge and resources they need.

Africa is the youngest continent in the world (2017)

