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LOCATION: Cairo, Egypt
SUBJECT: Jon's first visit to Egypt

THE STORY: Jon Nelms stands in front of the Muslim Brotherhood international headquarters, from which strategies for the advancement, funding, and expansion of Sunni Islam are coordinated.

Updates and Encouragement ...

A few thoughts from Jon Nelms



In this issue, there are several great reports from the Middle East. Often, people hearing these stories respond that they would like to learn more. Such stories inspire us to live more sacrificially for our Lord. You can read more of these if you are on our email list. If you are not, go to our website, www.finalfrontiers.world, and register to receive them.

I have begun work on a new book telling dozens of stories of persecution and triumph in that region. It will be in the format of a Foxe's Book of Martyrs, but will only deal with our stories from our people from whom we have first-hand information. Pray for leading as I attempt to tackle this project. In the meantime, Lord willing, I will be able to gather all the data and photos I need to write a biography on my wife, Nolin. As she shares her testimony in churches here, I am amazed at the number of women (and even men) who ask when I will write one. Nolin has an emotional testimony of poverty as a village girl. Though there were thousands of pastors and missionaries in Honduras, she never heard that God had a Son until she was eight. And she never saw a church or wore a pair of shoes until she was fifteen. (Don't pity her, pity me. She has more than she needs now.)

When I first became a missionary, churches in America referred to me as a missionary to Thailand since my emphasis was on Thailand. A few years later, churches considered me a missionary to Vietnam, then India, Honduras, the Middle East, and now Pakistan. In every case, they were right. We seem to designate a missionary to a specific country. Still, Paul, our example, never fit that pattern, nor did he endorse it. He was never in one place very long. When he and Barnabas left Antioch, they went as missionaries to Cyprus, the family home of Barnabas. When they returned, their home church was probably surprised to learn they had also planted churches in Pamphylia, Galatia, and Lycaonia, eight in all. Frankly, I don't think they were surprised. The purpose and work of a missionary was to be a church planter. Today, it is to be a pastor in another land for most churches. Thus, whereas we have diluted God's design, some still go from place to place, starting churches and turning them over to the nationals. So here I am, a missionary to Pakistan, and I can't wait to return. However, I first have to go back to Honduras, Guatemala, Kenya, and the Congo. Then, I can get back to Pakistan. In the meantime, in this issue and others to follow, I will tell you stories to catch your attention and whet your appetite to help us do more and more in that land.

Our team of preachers has grown so much that we are now having a new convert every sixteen seconds. That's nearly two million a year, all verified. Considering our average church attendance is well over 100 people, the combined attendance of the churches our men have started on any given Sunday now exceeds 45,000,000 people. In late 1986, when my church in California set me apart to do this work, none of us could have imagined what God would do in half a lifetime. May I tweak Hudson Taylor's quote? "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack for God's blessing." My thanks to all of you for being a huge part of this success. I hope you continue to enjoy the ride with me!

PS We are in the process of making a flipbook mission story about our preachers. I am looking for artistic help with children's animation. Call me! (478-494-1526)

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- ▶ **FOR ALL PEOPLE**
- ▶ **IN ALL LANDS**
- ▶ **BY ALL MEANS**

A TESTIMONY FROM A PASTOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

I thank God for giving me this privilege of calling me. I thank God for giving me this privilege of calling me to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to serve with the Final Frontiers Foundation in our country. Thank you for your love, prayers, and financial support. As we suffer continuously, you cannot understand the encouragement and blessing that comes to us when we receive the funds you send us.

The situation in my country has not changed much — poverty, kidnapping, persecution, and the war is ongoing, but I thank God for your love and your help that makes us able to take care of our widows, our children and to preach and teach the Word of God to our people.

Recently, the Lord opened a door for us to reach an area considered one of the most challenging areas to enter. This area has about ten thousand families. They live in extreme and unprecedented poverty. Even sufficient water for drinking was not available. We heard that, for some families, each person got only two glasses of water daily.

One of the elders of the tribe, who are Muslims, called us and asked if we could help them. After praying and counseling, and communicating with Final Frontiers leaders, the Lord answered our prayers. With your sacrificial giving, we decided to risk all and give assistance with what you provided for us. We distributed Bibles with food baskets and clean water, and we preached the gospel to everyone.

I thank my God that we have distributed four thousand and six hundred and thirty-nine Bibles so far. Of course, Satan and some local Islamic religious leaders were not happy, and as a result, some tragedies happened to some of our team members, but the Lord was glorified. We have seen hundreds of people come to the knowledge of salvation and accept

the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior. So far, besides those who were initially brought to Christ, we are following up with another 33 families.

Thank you for being so helpful that we were able to help our people come to the knowledge of salvation.

Note:

When he mentions “tragedies,” he speaks of the following occurrence on New Year’s Day.

If you receive our email alerts, you may remember that we told a story about a governor who asked us to feed his village in January. We did so and planted a church there with the initial seventy-three adult converts. Several weeks later, three of our preachers returned to the village with sixteen more Bibles for additional new converts. Unfortunately, they were stopped at a new militia checkpoint, and our leading pastor, Abraham, who was only twenty-nine years old, was murdered, receiving two shots to his chest and one to his neck. His two younger preachers were arrested.

By God’s grace, we freed the two captives and bought back the body of our slain brother so the dogs could not eat him. The church took him to our secret cemetery, kissed him goodbye, and put him in the ground.

Since that time, the governor was removed from office for allowing us to preach the gospel. He was arrested and has disappeared. We are trying to find him and give him aid. In the meantime, our men continue to spend at least three days a week in that village, establishing the new church. We have relocated Abraham’s young widow and baby boy at her request, providing for them and hiding her from her family so they cannot force her to marry a Muslim man.

Are you eager to do something more significant for God? — Support Smugglers for \$6 monthly or more with an auto-debit. You may do so on our website at www.FinalFrontiers.world.

Help us print and smuggle more Bibles in the Middle East for \$6 each.

Your contribution makes you an integral part of our Smugglers team. See page 23 for more information.

LOOKING THROUGH A MISSIONARY'S EYES

MUSIC

By Jon Nelms

In early 1992, I was in Central America meeting new preachers to support and visiting their established churches. With me was a brother from America, an older man whom I didn't know well. One night, during a service in a village church, someone started beating on a drum while someone else shook a tambourine and another man played a hand-made cello. They weren't modern and sophisticated. The drum and cello were old metal barrels with deer hides stretched over them, but with their country in poverty, that was the best they could do. This brother became indignant and told me that he would not support any man in our ministry that used drums in his church. He got up and walked outside, stunning the members of the congregation. He was true to his word and never supported our national church planters.

At what point does music become sinful? This is an issue that is becoming difficult to address. I'll enjoy reading your responses. Please keep them civil.

Brother, be open-minded. Don't let what blesses you and honors God be condemned in your mind because of the opinions of others. Will the Holy Spirit not guide you? We who are missionaries often gladly accept the music of the nationals though it is not our preference, nor would it be accepted "back home." But my home, I must remember, is in Heaven, so if the words glorify God, how is it wrong.

Working with unreached peoples, I have found they often make up their own songs, and the words often match scripture that they don't yet have. Their tunes and instruments are different than ours, yet still, they are used to praise their new-found Lord who feeds, clothes and shelters them from evil and demonic spirits. They praise him for the rain He gives, the crops He grows, the safety from beasts, etc. They glorify Him according to their cultural manner,



with their cultural instruments. Where does the Bible (not man) say a beat is wrong? All music has a beat. Many try to use Psalm 150 to un-justify some instruments because they are not listed. While at the same time, they use a piano and organ exclusively, neither of which are mentioned in Psalm 150. Such stubborn insistence often leads to severe hypocrisy and chases off the youth of our church, who see it more readily than do the elderly. The psalmist was not giving us a fixed list of approved instruments; he told us to use every instrument to praise God. Even a joyful noise.

Many of our hymns, which I love, were considered contemporary music when they were first composed during the Moody era and were rejected by many established churches as liberal. You don't have to be a trained musician to see the difference in the tune and style of a Wesley (Methodist) hymn compared to a Fanny Crosby hymn -- who was a Pentecostal woman pastor.

I once heard a pastor praise a song that had been featured in his morning service. He praised the tune and the depth of doctrine in the verses. The song was entitled "There is a Redeemer." He spoke for a moment, condemning contemporary music as lacking doctrinal depth and being beat-driven, without realizing it was a contemporary song. It was written by what would be described as a long-haired, bearded, Jesus-freak named Keith Greene. Yet, scanning the faces of the choir, it was evident that many of them also understood their pastor's error. My point is, even music that is not customary to us can still be a blessing to the family of God. Thank God He has a delightful mix in His family. If we can let our lives become all things to all men, could we not do the same with our music?

Generally, missionaries are more relaxed regarding such cultural issues. And that's my opinion, for what it's worth.

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This summer's schedule has filled up rapidly. In fact, we have only two weeks left open:

- June 30 – July 7
- July 21 - 28

I plan to go to Honduras in the last week of May to get ready for the groups visiting us this year. We have to purchase more beds and mattresses to accommodate the large groups. Currently, we are raising funds to replace the old gasoline engine in our van with a diesel engine. This change will give us much more power and much better mileage. And as an added plus, contrary to our system here, diesel is cheaper than gasoline in Central America.

Also, this summer, we will be building two new casitas and some storage rooms. Hopefully, we will

finish those projects before the end of the summer as our largest group is coming in late July with 38 people! So, altogether, I expect to have more than 100 people join us in ministry this summer. If so, that will be the largest, most active summer within our seventeen years of hosting Visionary Trips to Honduras.

We expect a great summer visiting new churches, meeting new pastors, and feeding nearly a thousand kids waiting to greet all the visitors.

Several years ago, a youth group from City Baptist High School in Hammond, IN, visited for their third time. While there, they helped us start a church. That church has since planted another. This summer, I am excited to take them back to see what they started and how it didn't end in one village; instead, it began there and continues to spread!

One thing new will be that Delta Airlines is no longer servicing the Tegucigalpa area. That airport is now for domestic use only. So, we will be meeting all the groups on either United or American Airlines flights in the new airport called Palmerola International (XPL). It is about an hour north of Tegucigalpa, which will add an hour to our journey to Cantarranas. Oh boy, more curving mountain roads with scenic drop-offs.

We look forward to a great summer together!

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May-June-July-August:
Honduras
Guatemala

September:
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Romania
Hungary
Ukraine

November-December:
India

January:
Dem. Republic of the Congo
The Congo
Angola



The Great Commission Fund

PROVIDING TOOLS FOR EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING



By Jon Nelms

One of the most effective tools for evangelism and church planting is the gift of a motorcycle. Final Frontiers Great Commission Fund has been instrumental in purchasing scores of these for experienced church planters worldwide. For example, in late 2020, we bought one for pastor Saidi, our national director in the Democratic Republic of Congo (pictured at right) and he responded with this letter.

**From Pastor Saidi Marcel Isaac
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo**

It is with great joy that I am writing this letter to thank God for you for the provision of a motorbike that you have bought for us to fulfill the Great Commission and missions purposes.

Yes, the DRC is the second-largest country in Africa, behind Algeria. It is surrounded by nine great countries and is one of the most populated countries in Africa, with Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Egypt. It has

more than 350 tribes and different ethnicities. Its social condition is so miserable that there is usually no good road to travel from one area to another. Those with no money for airplanes walk on foot 500 kilometers (310 miles) to reach another village.

We have been walking miles and miles by foot, going from one village to another village preaching the gospel of the saving Christ and the Kingdom of God. Still, today, through this means of a motorbike, it has come to facilitate our missions whenever we want to reach villages.



What can we say about this? God bless you richly as we pray for a second or more motorbike according to the size of our country.

rienced, veteran church planters, we set out to purchase more, selecting the most qualified and effective men in other African lands like Kenya, where five were



After receiving his letter and with your help, we purchased another eight motorcycles for some of our supported church planters in his country. When we saw the effectiveness of this tool in the hands of expe-

recently purchased and in Uganda and Ghana.

But of course, we cannot forget the multitude of motorcycles that have been purchased in India over the past three decades. Their numbers are higher



than we can recall. These have been incredibly beneficial for our rural pastors, who are subject to being attacked by tigers and bears as they travel on dirt roads that cut through jungles. Travel at night is particularly dangerous, and we have had several men mauled or even killed by hungry or startled bears. In the beginning, we bought bicycles for them, but they were not fast enough to escape a bear. Motorcycles are much better, and

in time, we hope to buy one for each of our church planters.

In Honduras, we have bought some of these as well, but in rough mountain regions, we generally opt to buy four-wheelers. And recently, after seeing the work and workers in Pakistan, you provided funds for us to purchase eight motorcycles for our church planting teams there. The first four are seen in the bottom photo, and the remaining, already purchased, are awaiting delivery.



RECENT MOTORCYCLE PURCHASES

INDIA	10
PAKISTAN	8
KENYA	11
UGANDA	1
THE DRC DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CONGO	9
GHANA	2
HONDURAS	3
OTHER	10

Typically, motorcycles can be purchased for about \$1350, and usually include a helmet, tag, and registration. I can think of no tool more powerful and reliable for the national church planters, than to have a motorcycle to minister with.

We want to give special thanks to the Palla family in WV, who has made it their ministry to purchase as many of these tools as possible, and to Jerry Purvis of TX, owner of the Dallas Vintage (clothing) Shop. And of course, we are grateful to all of you who gave and continue give so generously.

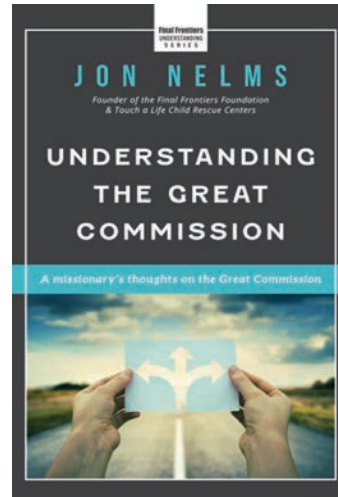
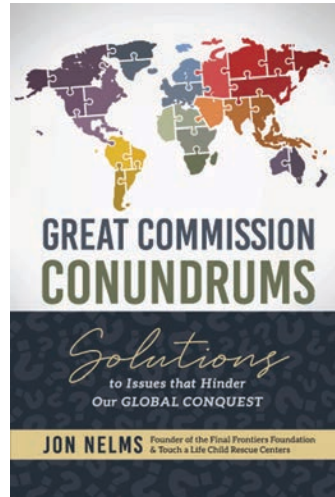
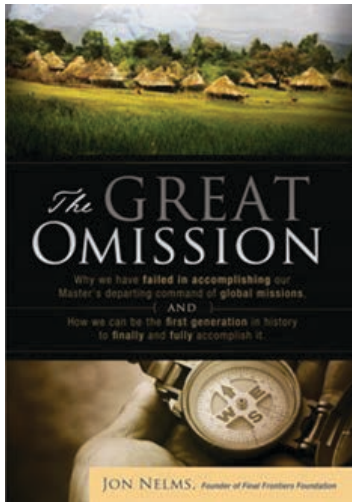
The psalmist gave us the beautiful imagery of our Lord using clouds as His chariot and riding on the circuit of the wind. Motorcycles are chariots for so many of our Lord's servants, taking them wherever the rushing wind of the Holy Spirit sends them.



MAY IS OFFICIALLY MOTORCYCLE MONTH

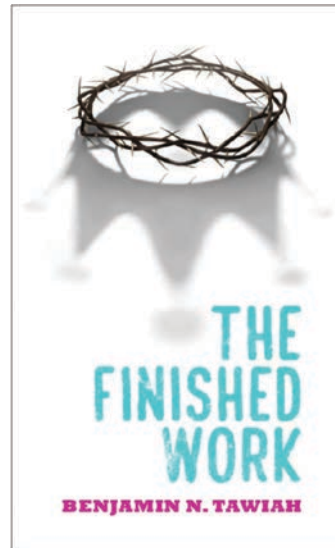
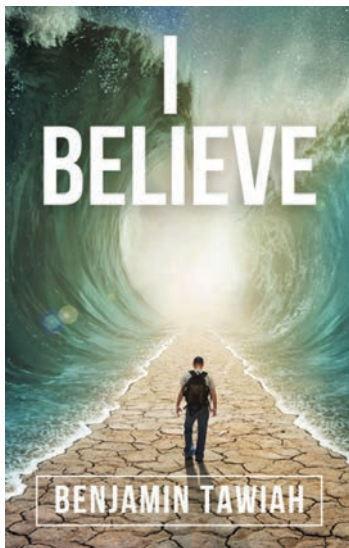
WE NEED HUNDREDS OF MOTORCYCLES FOR PREACHERS THROUGHOUT AFRICA AND CENTRAL ASIA. SO MANY THAT WE DECIDED DURING MAY TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED, HELP US STRETCH A CHURCH PLANTERS MINISTRY FROM A TEN-MILE RADIUS TO 100 MILES — AND BEYOND.

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Benjamin Tawiah is the Final Frontiers National Director in Ghana. Benjamin's Books are available free to members of the Final Frontiers Society. The FFS is a free educational service provided to national preachers globally. It provides free books, articles, sermon ideas, etc., to help the national preachers in their ongoing exploration and study of God's Word. Many, most preachers in developing nations, do not have any formal Biblical education. Referencing this website offers them the opportunity for ongoing training and discovery.

FOOD BAGS FOR HONDURAS

We haven't hosted a Visionary Trip to Honduras since 2019. But, I can assure you, they have great anticipation for our visit this summer. Our Touch a Life Food Bags are like having Thanksgiving in the summer. For many families, your visit will provide the first good meal they have had in several years, with items they dream of having!

Food prices have risen more drastically there than they have here, as most of their food is imported and has been affected by significant increases in production and transportation. In addition, for the first time since I can remember, the government has raised the price and begun to tax the "canasta basica" (basic foods), which had been traditionally sold at a subsidized price in government stores formerly without sales tax. This means that the basic foodstuffs are absent at family meals — when there is a family meal.

To put it bluntly, the families are in great need of help, and for that reason, we are asking you to consider helping us, to help them. Without sacrifice, you can do this by donating \$10 to purchase food bags to distribute as we visit their homes and churches and evangelize new communities.

Purchasing these items requires our staff to go to multiple locations, getting the best price that we can negotiate. And when we buy in bulk, the prices go down considerably. So then, the more you give, the more we can buy and the better the



OUR \$10 FOOD BAGS CONTAIN

A ONE-WEEK SUPPLY OF THESE ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR:

BEANS
RICE
SALT
TOMATO SAUCE
SPAGHETTI
OIL
SHORTENING
COFFEE
MASECA FOR TORTILLAS
SUGAR
BUTTER
MAYONNAISE
And more.

price we get. All this translates into us being able to provide about \$15-\$20 worth of food at regular retail prices for only \$10. This then allows us to give more food to more families. Because we give the bags in the name of Jesus, he gets the glory — all of it.

Here's an idea of how you can help in a significant way:

Lighthouse Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX, is one group that visits us annually. They go all out of their way to buy as many food bags as they can. In 2019 they purchased 1,000 bags — that's \$10,000 of food. How did they do it? They actively encouraged sister churches in the area to help them. Even though the members of those churches were not visiting us, they wanted to

help their "home-towners" make as big a splash as possible, and the churches took up a special offering for the need.

Some of them advertised on store windows and even asked business owners to donate. As a result, 1,000 families received a week's supply of food because of the efforts of a few ladies. They saw the need, did all they could to meet it, and enlisted others to do the same. Imagine recruiting local business and restaurant owners to donate, ensuring them you will acknowledge their donation in your church's weekly bulletin. That's the kind of attention businesses like to receive.

Have you got an idea we can share with others?

MISSIONARY INVASION STRATEGY

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Endless, daily maps of the Russian invasion of Ukraine indicate Putin's military strategy. A strategist can accurately guess his enemies' plan, purpose, and priorities while studying his moves. Doing so will help determine where you must be defensive and where you can be offensive. The unrealistic hope is to win every battle, but the goal is to win the war.

The Word tells us that we are in a spiritual war that will last until Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. Yet, we in America often live as if our only contribution to the war effort is to the local Serviceman's Center. Many pastors see themselves not as captains or lieutenants but as entertainers for the USO. After all, we are all competing for the same church members. The problem is that the USO is primarily for overseas personnel, not for those stationed at home. Home is the base for boot camps, equipment production, recruitment, financial acquisition, and strategy. Christianity is so engulfed at home that we rarely have to fight battles, contrary to what many may think. Instead, we fight skirmishes and imagine them to be world wars. I know that will offend some who have endured great trials. Still, I am speaking generally, not specifically. And I should state that unless you have served in pagan lands, you cannot imagine the differences in spiritual warfare between there and here.

Recently, we experienced "the slap heard around the world." Some were traumatized by seeing one man slap another, forcing them to seek professional help and take time off work. Others barely noticed it, having served as police or in the military. What was trauma to some was considered trivial to others.

Even Jesus told His disciples that he did not come to bring peace but rather a sword. Believe it or not, our first strategist was Jesus himself. At the giving of the Great Commission, he laid out his plan for initiating global conquest. He did not say to the eleven on hand, spin the globe and pick a country. He did not say, go to wherever you have a burden, nor suggest

that a board or even a single church give them marching orders. (There were no boards or churches at this time.) Instead, he laid out a conquest plan that he knew would incur multiple and generational battles to accomplish. That plan was Jerusalem first, then the rest of Judea, then Samaria, and then the uttermost parts of the earth. In the Roman vernacular of the day, "uttermost" was any region or people not under the control of Rome. In the time of the Jewish kings, it was generally a reference to Ethiopia; however, in Isa 45:22 and 62:11, the term translated as "the ends of the earth" refers to the entire inhabited world.

According to the Book of Acts, the disciples seemingly struggled to initiate their Commander's strategic plan, Peter and Paul being the exception. (The New Testament barely records the ministry of Peter and rarely mentions the others.) Still, they had begun to make progress by the time Saul, the persecutor, was converted. To him, in his mind, the "ends of the earth" he targeted was "Asia," which was the home of the ancient enemies of Rome and the conquerors of Israel. This was the land of Parthia (which Rome never conquered and included the territories of the old Persian Empire). Parthia was preceded by Assyria, which from 739 BC to 606 BC completely conquered all of Israel, scattering the ten northern tribes forever and deporting the people into regions that would later be known as Parthia. Later, Nebuchadnezzar II's conquest of 605 BC to 586 BC was primarily aimed at Judah and Benjamin. Paul, a Benjamite, was then hoping to reach the remnant of Israel who had been deported there.

Parthia in 1 AD (see map) occupied the land from central Turkey to inside the borders of western India. Scythia, also part of Paul's understanding of Asia, occupied a region of tribes stretching from central Europe, north into Russia, east to western China, and south into India.

These were the uttermost regions to which Paul yearned to spread the Gospel. We don't know why, but we do know that from 54 BC, the Roman Empire, of which Paul was a citizen by birth, failed continually

to conquer both of them. Rome's generals avoided Parthia whenever possible. Crassus died there in battle, as did his son and half of his 42,000 soldiers. Another 25% were enslaved, while the remainder limped back to their Syrian post. Later in 51 BC, the Parthians attacked and conquered Antioch, which would later become Paul's home and the place where he became an elder in his church, along with Barnabas and several others. Perhaps it was his familiarity with them that caused him to desire to conquer them for Christ. (Much like today as many missionaries feel "called" after visiting a specific country.) But our Commander ordered him to evangelize the Roman world, choosing to send others to that region. His obedience ultimately led to my salvation and yours.

Since the days of Crassus, Parthia became Rome's "Eastern Front." While most generals boasted a desire to expand the Empire there, they usually found a good and convenient reason to delay their expeditions. Even Augustus determined a peace treaty with them more appealing than an attempt at conquest.



Augustus narrowly avoided a world war with them when Herod killed all the male babies and toddlers in the region. The "wise men" (Ambassadors) of the kings of the east (including Parthia, Scythia, many of India's kingdoms, and even China) had brought peace offerings to make an alliance with the newborn "King of Kings." (They knew of him, his birth, his deity, and his eventual global rule from the writings of Daniel.) Thinking Herod had murdered him after their departure, these rulers allied themselves, forming their armies to invade and punish Rome, as their treaties demand. Augustus, learning that a vast, multi-national army was forming on his eastern border, including nations Rome had never been able to conquer and lands with which they traded, negotiated a treaty with them and removed Herod as king. He also extended apologies for the massacre, declaring it was done without his knowledge or consent. The world war, which would have reshaped history as we know it,

was abated. History tells us that upon hearing of Herod's murder of the young boys, Augustus kicked over a statue (idol) of Mars and angrily stated. "It is better to be Herod's dog than his subject." Decades later, Christ gave his generals marching orders to penetrate all lands, including those. Though Paul desired to go north and east, his orders were to go north and west. Incidentally, Bartholomew and Thaddeus evangelized in the territories of Scythia and Parthia in what is now known as Armenia. Eventually, even the king professed Christ. It became the first Christian nation in the world around 300 AD. (This was the region in which the story of the prodigal son took place. If Bartholomew and Thaddeus repeated Christ's lesson on that event, it would have provided a bridge of understanding, since most would have known this story from their history.)

Christ always did what he did with a strategic purpose. He often stated that he was merely obeying his father in what He said and did. Is that not what a good soldier or officer does -- obey those to whom he has subordinated himself?

As I wrote in my newest book, *Understanding the Great Commission*: "Shock and awe" is one of the mightiest tools of the military. Typically, this tactic is not employed at the end of the war but at the beginning. It is an opportunity for the offense to display their strength in hopes of achieving a swift surrender by crippling the enemy's ability to move about, produce armaments, and resupply their troops.

On Pentecost, our Lord shook His enemy so severely that Satan was paralyzed and unable to stop what was occurring. Sure, he must have expected something, but he didn't see that coming! Christ had departed, leaving the promise of sending His Spirit to take His place. Now, rather than Christ walking side by side with a few believers, His Spirit would dwell in and come "alongside" every believer, empowering us to rain down spiritual shock and awe around the world.

His weapon was His Word, His power was His Spirit, and His troops were His converts. That day, when His Spirit fell on His followers, a powerful shock and awe began that continues worldwide even today.

His Spirit gave us wisdom, guidance, instruction, and power. He supplies each of us, not with off-the-rack armor, but with the armor of God Himself, tailored to fit each of us. Every piece is custom designed to make us effective and invincible warriors, before whom the gates of hell will fall, and the infantry of hell will flee. We don't even have defensive armor because God never retreats. When Peter was fitted with God's armor and preached in the power of God's Spirit, spiritual shock and awe bombarded hell and earth

as men from multiple nations miraculously heard "the marvelous works of God" in their own languages.

Pentecost was the shock and awe in a war called the Great Commission. It was not the end of the war; it was the beginning, and it still rages today. We at home need to do our part to supply and resupply our troops worldwide, both the foreign and national missionaries until the war ends, and we are all honorably discharged.

As previously stated, our Commander gave strategic marching orders to his generals. Notice that he did not send them all to the same place. Instead, He stated where he wanted them to go. He outlined their marching orders, assuring that future orders would be dictated by the coming Field General, the Holy Spirit. Still, a strategist would ask, why did he specifically command evangelism in some lands, seemingly delay it in others, and only hint at it in still others? In another chapter, I wrote:

"Sometimes, we can only guess why God does what He does. In the Great Commission's targeted regions, three specific locations are mentioned, and then the world's uttermost parts. Jerusalem was a city. Judea was the region in which Jerusalem was located. Samaria was the land of the mix-breed Samaritans, who the Jewish religious leaders despised because they were not entirely Hebrew. The Samaritans as a race were considered so detestable that one High Priest made it a crime for a priest to pass through the area or speak to a Samaritan, and if he spent the night there, he could be executed.

In the Great Commission, Jesus skipped from Samaria to "the uttermost"—seemingly ignoring Galilee, where He grew up, performed most of His miracles, and did much of His teaching. Why? Perhaps He didn't need to. Galilee was the first place He went after His resurrection. Most people who saw Him, except for metro Jerusalem, would have been Galileans. They didn't have to hear about the death, burial, and resurrection; they had seen it with their own eyes.

In Scripture, those who followed Christ routinely witnessed to those whom they knew. Cornelius arranged for his entire household to learn about Him. The maniac of Gadara met Christ and witnessed to all his compatriots, and those whom Jesus healed spread His name throughout the regions where they lived. Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, and Philip brought Nathanael. But Samaria was not a place that Jewish converts would typically have friends or relatives. It was a "fly-over" region to devout Jews, so unlike Galilee, Samaria had to be deliberately targeted for evangelism by Christ.

I suspect Christ may have been making the point that in our zeal to reach the world, we should not skip

over those who are known by us but remain unfamiliar to us, especially when they are so geographically close to us. How strange that we send more missionaries to Mexico than any other country except Brazil, but we don't evangelize the Mexicans who cut our lawns, build our houses and shop in our stores. Perhaps the lesson to be learned is: in our rush to evangelize the ends of the earth, let's not forget our Samaria."

Since our Lord's commission was to penetrate the entire world in every generation with the Gospel, why, at least in His Baptist Divisions, does he supposedly give conflicting orders? Instead of sending missionaries into ALL the world, we send 30% of our missionaries to only five places: Brazil, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, and Canada. All the while, 42% of the 10/40 window have no missionary presence at all. Yet strangely, that is where Christianity is growing most rapidly? Why? How? It is the work of the national preachers who live in those lands. They were taught generations ago by missionaries who understood the difference between being a biblical missionary (a church planter despite location or nationality) and being a stationary pastor.

Like the Ukrainian government seeking help, they do not ask for us to come and evangelize their people, their towns, or their villages. They ask only for equipment, training, funding, and the things they don't have. They ask for support, Bibles, institute curricula, and whatever scraps we can give them in their war to win their countries for Christ. Still, we think we know better than they and continue to hoard support and supplies and send untrained and unequipped men who don't know the language, culture, or customs. And so, the world continues to be unevangelized. Then, to make matters worse, in those areas where we cannot send an American, we ignore the men whom God has on hand to reach their own, as if they don't exist. The attitude seems to be that if we can't send one of us, or send the funds through one of us, Christ must have excluded that land from the Great Commission.

Again, in another chapter, I wrote: "The New Testament 'churches' were the body of Christ in a particular geographical area. However, they were congregations—not corporations. Paul wrote to churches in the homes of Philemon in Colossae and Lydia in Philippi. Still, he also wrote to the assembled ones in the Ephesian metropolis, the third-largest city of Rome. Corinth evidently had two congregations—Upper Corinth on the hills overlooking the sea and inhabited by the wealthy, and Lower Corinth situated on the docks where merchants like Aquila and Priscilla worked in the second largest market of the Empire. Some believe the two Corinthians letters were writ-

ten individually to each congregation rather than as two letters to both. Either view would certainly make sense.

Paul also wrote to the churches of Galatia, which was not a city, but a region in what is today Turkey. Those in northern Galatia were not Greeks but Gauls and Celts. Their ancestors came from the British Isles and northern Europe and had lived there for three centuries. Though considered barbarians due to their ancestry, they spoke Greek and lived under Roman law. The southern Galatians were primarily of Greek ancestry and more easily converted.

Paul also wrote to the church in Rome, which he did not start, stating that he planned to visit them on his way to Spain. He was leaving Asia and Greece because he had 'no place left there to preach.' Sure, there were ample places to preach or pastor, but as a church planter (missionary), he had worked himself out of a job. His team had strategically planted churches in every place, which could now finish the job of saturation evangelism; thus, he planned to pass through Rome on his way to Spain's unreached field. From there the gospel could strategically spread south into Africa and north into France.

In the first few decades, they had "turned the world upside down." By the year 100, there was one church for every twelve unreached people groups. Today there are over 400 churches for every unreached people group. To finish the Great Commission, we don't have to build the entire house; we only need to place the last few bricks on the chimney, and it's done."

There is much to be said of using strategy instead of just throwing a gospel dart at the target. Our Lord is specific. He tells us on what day He made what item, which sacrifices to perform for which sins, clothing types, rituals, and what is acceptable worship. Even in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described specific blessings for specific groups of people, the poor in Spirit, the mourners, the meek, those who are hungry, the merciful, pure in heart, and the peacemakers. So, is it any wonder that He gave us regionally-strategic marching orders?

We at Final Frontiers continually employ strategy in our decisions of where to attack and whom to support. We also support men in Brazil and Mexico, — men who are experienced church planters, not just pastors of a single church. However, we don't help men in the United Kingdom or Canada. They can raise their support from their wealthy home churches. And besides, if a Canadian church can afford, and be expected, to support a Canadian pastor, why can't they support an American "missionary" who is pastoring their church? Their economy can afford it. Their

standard of living is equal to or greater than ours. We may need to help them get started, but we shouldn't be expected to maintain their livelihood in affluent countries. After all, do Canadian, British, or Australian churches support your pastor, or does your church pay his salary? — That's what I thought.

When we use precious resources to pay for evangelizing fields that can be self-sufficient, we handicap regions that don't have enough believers or an economy able to support their own pastors.

Our Strategies have been regularly featured in the Progress Report with individual examples for years. We will continue to do so, understanding that the



In 1987, our Lahu tribal preachers mapped the location of jungle villages to develop a strategy for their evangelistic efforts.

better you know what we are doing, why, and how we are doing it, the more likely you will join forces with us. You can do that today by going online and making a monthly commitment to support our Great Commission Fund at any amount and any frequency. Monthly, quarterly, yearly, or with a one-time offering. You might even consider putting us in your Will so you can continue to give after you are gone — laying up even more rewards.

Understanding the Great Commission is a compilation of 52 different, devotion-styled essays on missions. Each is only a two-minute read with several follow-up questions. Jon's books are available in print and on Kindle and Audible.



MEET ONE OF OUR LEPER CHILDREN

This testimony was prepared by the pastor of our church in the Peddapurum Leper Colony in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Among the children in our Peddapurum Leper Feeding Center is a young girl named Naomi Vemagiri. Her parents died of complications of leprosy when she was quite young. The members of our leper church took her in as their own, providing her with care, food, and shelter. One family, Rama and Rambabu Vemagiri, took their care a step further and gave her their last name.

Most of the time, lepers beg for food on the streets and at the train and bus stations. So Naomi goes begging with them and her new sister, about the same age as herself. The family treats her as if she was born to them. Because she was still very young when she was adopted, she has no memory of her parents. Rama and Rambabu have not yet told her she is adopted for fear that the other children will mistreat her.

Naomi is bright and strong. She loves listening to and telling the stories she hears in Sunday School and is a good singer. Her hope is to be tutored in music and become a better singer. She will be a great asset in the service of our Lord. We hope she will bring attention to our colony and prove that leper children, called untouchables, can prove that though society has forgotten them, our God never does.

If we have leftover food, we give it to parents like Rama and Rambabu as begging is difficult now due to the Covid situation. So not a penny is wasted, and every penny matters.

This feeding center is financed by two families who give annual and quarterly to feed early seventy children, five days a week. Unfortunately, there is a small deficit of about \$100 monthly, so if you would like to help, please designate your giving to the following:

PEDDAPURUM LEPER FEEDING CENTER



OUR NEWEST FEEDING CENTER LAHORE, PAKISTAN



After spending time with Pastor Shaukat and his wife Kiran in February, I was interested to learn if we could open a feeding center for their ministry. And, of course, opening one means an opportunity to open many more once the first is funded and the staff learns the procedures. So, I emailed Shaukat to get an idea of the costs. True to his nature, he took the idea and ran with it. So, that Sunday, after church, Kiran and some of the ladies prepared a delicious for over seventy children. Then the following Sunday, they did it again.

Being spiritually greedy and not wanting them to get all the blessings, I suggested we find a way to finance their feeding program. My son Daniel investigated what would be considered their typical meals and the cost of each component. We looked at bulk pricing for salt, potatoes, rice, flour (for naan bread), black beans, oil, vegetables, yogurt, dahl, spices, etc. Pakistan seems to be more expensive than other lands, so we have determined it could take up to 25¢ per child for a meal each Sunday. Unfortunately, we have no designated funding for this, so we are proceeding with whatever we can scrape up.

Please partner with us by designating your offering for the:

PAKISTAN FEEDING CENTER

KENYA FEEDING CENTER #3 IS SOON TO OPEN:

Thanks to generous donors who understood the need, we are now purchasing a delivery truck in Kenya. We have a growing number of feeding centers that need constant re-supply. Having our own vehicle will save us a small fortune over renting taxis. As a result, we will be able to begin buying food in bulk and storing it at our office in Eldoret. Our Director, George Thumbi, has begun research to determine which of our churches will host feeding center #3. Like the other two, this one also has no sponsors. Fortunately, in Kenya, we can feed a child a meal for under 15¢. (See page 22 for photos.) This will also help deliver truckloads of Bibles and institute curriculum and bicycles and motorcycles.

As with the others, you can help finance these feeding centers by designating your gift for the:

KENYA FEEDING CENTERS

\$10 FOOD BAGS FOR HONDURAS

THIS SUMMER



This summer, we expect to have well over 100 people visit our work in Honduras. Some groups will have as few as eight, while the largest will have thirty-eight!

Every summer, the groups look forward to giving away food bags to needy families. This year, the need is greater than ever. Many men have been unemployed for most of the last two years due to Covid, and their situation is dire.

Once again, I am asking you to consider a gift of \$10 to build a food bag that we can give away in the name of Jesus. The groups are also raising funds, but every bag is a blessing. Each bag can feed a family of four for up to a week. Please designate your gift for as many bags as you want to purchase to:

\$10 FOOD BAGS — HONDURAS

#1 SPONSORSHIP ALLOWS YOU TO CHOOSE AND SUPPORT A SPECIFIC CHILD FOR \$35 MONTHLY, PROVIDING DAILY FOOD, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND MEDICAL CARE. EVERY QUARTER YOU'LL LETTER FROM YOUR CHILD, DIRECTLY TO YOU.

#2 PARTNERSHIP ALSO KNOWN AS DAILY BREAD (PG. 22) IS FOR THOSE WHO GIVE ANY AMOUNT TO FEED DESPERATELY HUNGRY CHILDREN (A DIME PER MEAL IS ALL IT COSTS). IN THIS PROGRAM YOU'LL RECEIVE OCCASIONAL PHOTOS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF ONE OF THE CHILDREN WORLDWIDE WHO WERE BENEFITED BY YOUR OFFERING.

AN INCREDIBLE STORY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

In their required quarterly reports to the sponsors, one of our leaders, a pastor in the Middle East, told this amazing story. After reading it, I made some calls to get more details. I felt all of you would love to read it as well. I have taken the liberty to edit it so that you will have a better understanding and provided some commentary at the end.

From Pastor George B.:

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from this land. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and for standing with us in these difficult days. Your prayers and support give us a lot of encouragement and has helped us to keep preaching and teaching the Word of God to those souls who were redeemed by His Blood, the Lord of Glory. Your many sacrifices help us reach out to people and individuals, who in the past considered us traitors, and we have been able to demonstrate Christ's love and compassion for them.

Among them is a 47-year-old man who grew up in a Muslim family. When he was six years old, his father started to take him to the mosque to teach him all the religious beliefs and the rituals, and how to obey his religious leaders without any question or discussion. He continued his whole life in this way and was trying hard to obey and follow all the beliefs and the rituals without any questions, no matter how many doubts were in his head.

When the sectarian (religious-civil) war began in our country, it was devastating on every level. At the beginning of the war, this man lost his father and his brother, because they were from a certain denomination and were killed by fighters from another. So, he decided to take his mother, his wife, and his three kids and flee to what he thought was a safer area.

After a short period of time, the religious men in his denomination began to form militias backed by and funded by the countries that supported their denominations in our country. These religious leaders justified this by saying that they should defend their religion, the prophet Muhammad, their religious shrines, and their families. Because of their persuasion, he decided to join one of those militias and fight



Touch A Life serves in this Middle Eastern country among war refugees and orphans, feeding and tutoring. The photos are for illustrative purposes only.

to defend his religion, denomination, and his family, in this holy war. The religious leaders of his denomination blasphemed all other religions and denominations and justified all the things the militia did. On one occasion, they learned about one of our house churches in the area under their control, they stormed in and arrested three young men from that house church. Then, by orders from the local religious leader, they blew up the building the house where the church was meeting. This man was the leader of the militia group, and he was the one who arrested our three brothers, but after few days of torture and negotiations, the Lord helped us to release our brothers and get them back.

At the same time, our scattered members of the house churches were spreading the message of salvation to all and trying to help everyone as much as

possible to find their daily basics of food. Together, as the body of Christ, we were trying to help children by offering free tutoring, and at the same time delivering the message of salvation to those children, because most of the schools have been destroyed or turned



to military service centers. His three children were coming to these special, free lessons, and we fed and taught them without knowing who their father was. By the leading of the Lord, we were also taking care of his family and his mother. His oldest son, who was fourteen years old, had already accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

Soon after this, he was wounded in one of the battles and became hopelessly unable to continue as a leader or as a fighter, so he was sent home without any income. After he became disabled, he was no longer important to anyone, and none of the men of his denomination provided any food or assistance for him or his family, and so, he was living in very bad psychological condition.

Seeing his dad abandoned and suffering, his son asked some of our men to visit him and talk to him about the Lord and pray for him. However, because his military background, they came to me as the pastor and asked me what they should do. So, I decided that I would go visit him. We went to his home, and I introduced myself to him. He was very grateful for what we were doing for his family, and I began to talk to him about God's love for us. As I talked, and engaged him with comments about God's forgiveness and love. It was then that he said to me, "I can't stand against your words because even though we are from different religions, and we consider you to be infidels, you loved us and gave to us what no one else offered us. You showed us extraordinary love, even though I tried to kill some of your young men. Even though you forgive me, I can't forgive myself."

Then I understood who he actually was and how he had treated us, and I began to explain to him how the word of God taught us to love even our enemies, and to pray for them. With those words, I thought, how can I not love this man, our neighbor?

We soon left and continued to pray for him and made every effort to visit him again and again, bringing food, medicine and anything he needed. Then, after a few meetings with him and sharing more of our Lord's teaching and the purpose of giving himself as our sacrifice, he willingly received a Bible from my hands to read. I shared with the church all that had transpired and everyone was praying for this man. Then one day, those three young men whom he had captured and tortured went with me to visit him, and to share their forgiveness with him. It was glorious and I do not have the words to express how the Spirit of God moved in his heart as they forgave him. It was not long after that he came to the knowledge of salvation and accepted the lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior, and on the same day his mother and wife also accepted the lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior as well.

Understanding Islam, from a Western viewpoint:

In regard to the Islamic "denominations," they are speaking of the various sects. The two largest and best known by Westerners are the Shia and the Sunni. Understanding their primary differences will help you to understand the mutual hatred and their desire to reign supreme at the cost of the annihilation of the other, as well as all other religions.

The Shia believe the headship of Islam is hereditary and passed from Mohammad to his blood relatives in each generation. They believe the Ayatollah in Iran is a descendant of Mohammad. Shia is the primary religion of Iran and comprises 15% of the world's Muslims.

The other and larger denomination is the Sunni. They believe that Islamic leadership is not hereditary, but should be selected or elected to the position by their clerics. The Sunni dominate Turkey, Saudi Arabia, North Africa, etc. 85% of all Muslims are Sunni.

Other, smaller sects align with one of the two more prominent denominations. One sect speaks in tongues (the Sufi); the men also spin as they pray to work themselves into a trance. Two other sects, the Alwen, which is the faith of the ruling family of Syria and the Druze, believe in reincarnation. Both the Shia and Sunni consider non-aligned or wrongly aligned sects of Islam to be heretics and traitors to their version of true Islam and therefore deserving of annihilation.

THE STORY 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.

STRAIGHT STREET IN DAMASCUS

By Jon Nelms

Straight Street was not named for a merchant giving direction to go "straight, then turn right," or an arbitrator angrily saying, "let's get this straight." If you visit Damascus, you clearly understand why, among all the winding streets of the city, one stands out as "Straight Street." And to be accurate, the street continues straight, far beyond what you can see in this photo. It dead-ends into what is celebrated as the home of Ananias, a wealthy, walled compound with underground chambers that were supposedly the home of the first church in Damascus. If you turn left at the dead-end and walk a mile, you will find yourself at the southern wall of the Umayyad Mosque. The site was originally a Roman temple to Jupiter, converted to a church in the 4th century and later to a mosque. The foundation and some support beams of Jupiter's temple remain outside the main entrance.

Inside the Umayyad Mosque, the supposed head of John the Baptist who the Muslims revere, rests in a shrine (pictured at right). You can peer inside to see it through an opaque window if you like but be advised that John's head is supposedly enshrined in five other locations in the Middle East. Why so many? It's simple; everybody is trying to get ahead.

In the Bible, you have mention of a King's Highway that is as much as four thousand years old, Damascus being one of the oldest surviving, living cities on the planet. That is the road that led from Damascus to Egypt, passing through Jerusalem. It would be the same road the wise men from the East traveled searching for the newborn King of the Jews. Contrary to Catholic tradition, the Roman historian Strabo, who claimed to have been in Damascus on this occasion, wrote that they left through this gate. He reported their caravan was so large that it took from sunrise to sundown for the entire entourage to pass through the gate. If you were to stand where I stood when I took this photo in 2005, the King's Highway gate is about twenty yards to your right.

Paul then, having been blinded by the glory of Christ as he traveled along the King's Highway from Jerusalem, would have entered that gate, turned right on to Straight Street, and walked or rode on this very

street to the home of Ananias at its end. By the way, that "road" he traveled is now a paved highway.

A few years after I took this photo, Straight Street was bombed during the Syrian sectarian war between the Shia and the Sunni. As a result, it is no longer recognizable.



This might interest you as well:

Outside the mosque's northern wall is the small, unadorned tomb of Saladin (a Sunni Kurd), who conquered Jerusalem and later fought Richard the Lionheart. He died financially broke by his own design as he gave most of his wealth to his subjects. Though "broke," he lived without want until he drew his last breath.

To the left of the shrine, another thirty yards is a "closet" where the Muslims believe that someday, Mohammed will return to Earth, with Jesus alongside, and establish the worship of Allah worldwide. It's the Islamic version of Christ's second coming.

In an adjacent building is the tomb of the grandson of Mohammad, Husayn ibn Ali. He was killed in a battle challenging his right of succession and is buried there. This event is celebrated annually and ends on the Day of Ashura, which marks the day of Allah parting the Red Sea for Moses (Musa) to lead the people of Israel to safety.

Class dismissed.



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DAILY BREAD

The Daily Bread Program provides food in bulk to feed hungry children and families who are not sponsored through our Touch A Life program. See page 23.

WITH \$100 YOU CAN FEED UP TO 1,000 CHILDREN. THAT'S 10 CENTS PER MEAL.

— THE MORE WE RECEIVE, THE MORE WE FEED. —

*From George Maina Thumbi
Final Frontiers National Director, Kenya*

The Touch a Life—Daily Bread program is really going on well and I am very happy when I see kids lining up to get food and even coming back for a second and a third plate.

This morning I wrote to you about some children who started coming to church when we launched the program in our second church. Now they have brought their parents who were led to Christ. We pray that through this program, many families will come to know Christ through their kids eating at our kitchens. It is our prayer that by the end of this year, God willing, we will have several more TOUCH A LIFE—DAILY BREAD CENTERS.



(Left top and bottom) While waiting for their meals, the children receive tutoring for their educational needs and Bible lessons for their spiritual needs. Then comes the food!

(Right top and bottom) Plates of food being passed out with meat, vegetables and casava (similar to potatoes) and slaw. This little girl holds out her hands expecting a handful of food, but receiving a plate full!



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THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND Is a fund whereby the offerings of everyone is pooled to support as many national preachers as possible. This is our preferred and most effective method of supporting national preachers at whatever amount you choose. You will receive a different biography and report each month from a preacher supported through this fund so you can see what your giving is accomplishing.

DIRECT SPONSORSHIP You can choose a preacher from our website or call our office and ask us to help you find a preacher from our most needy list. Sponsorship is \$50.00 monthly. 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 four 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.

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.

THE POWER PACK (original) 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 various options. The Power Pack Plus includes camping gear. The smaller versions are hand-held dramatized, audio Bibles in a targeted language. These are used in villages where no Bible is present, primarily to start or strengthen new churches. Their great strength is that they can present the Gospel in up to 48 languages, where it is not available or does not exist in printed form. These are effective with lepers and the illiterate. Nanos cost \$35 and Picos cost only \$10. The pricing and details of all PowerPack options can be seen at www.ThePowerPack.world

OTHER Any offering given for our **HOME OFFICE NEEDS** or a **SPECIAL PROJECT** or for the support of a **Missionary Representatives**, will be applied as designated.

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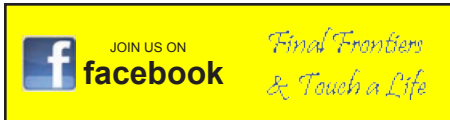
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“COME AND SEE OUR ZEAL FOR THE LORD”

II KINGS 10:16

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 ...

461,608	Churches Started
1,448,568	Villages Evangelized
17,117,091	Professions of Faith
5,935,366	Believers Baptized

DURING THESE YEARS OUR NETWORK HAS ENCOMPASSED ...

2,981	Preachers
25,199	Timothies
3,434	Touch A Life Kids



AROUND THE WORLD

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT EACH COUNTRY'S SCORE OF HAPPINESS IN 2022

Visualcapitalist.com developed this map with data obtained during 2021, based on the happiness of citizen's perception of their conditions concerning social support, freedom to make life choices, generosity, and personal perceptions of government and business corruption.

It goes without saying that where people are happy, they are generally more wealthy and more generous. But, on the other hand, it is also true that where people are unhappy, they are generally more financially desperate and more open to hearing the gospel.

An intelligent missionary strategy would suggest we send/finance fewer missionaries to the happy lands and more to the unhappy. They are less likely to be exposed to the gospel and more open to receiving it.

