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**Collection 434, Tape 12. Oral history interview with Edwin Leonard “Jack” Frizen, Jr. by Paul Ericksen on 8 February, 1995.**

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**FRIZEN:** But when the [Billy] Graham [Evangelistic] Association had to cut back, that was difficult. And then when...I mean, I'm not that close to Leighton, although we're on very friendly terms whenever we meet. I don't know all of his finance situations and that. But I know when he left the Graham Association, I'm sure it was difficult because then he had to start up a whole new support structure...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and setup. And to...to try to finance the...the Lausanne program almost had to be done separately and so that each commission would almost have to operate on their own. And each of their senior advisors are people in different areas, like Ray Baake for the cities, and others...

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...that would be in various structures. They almost had to either help pay their own way or help in the fundraising for that particular type of thing. And when Leighton left as the...the leader, and I think he may still be chairman or something, but as far as working it out of his office, why, then their finances really did go down. I forget the name of the fellow that took it over after the...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah...

**FRIZEN:** ...Manila meeting.

**ERICKSEN:** ...I can't...I don't recall it either.

**FRIZEN:** But he...he was, again, a Britisher [Tom Houston] who had been pastor of the Nai...Nairobi Baptist Church and had worked for the [British and Foreign] Bible Societies. And he ended up, back like our IFMA and EFMA offices, you know, with almost one secretary or hardly that, and not a full-time one and...and going on. So, that...that has been difficult. And now with the transition in WEF [World Evangelical Fellowship] from Dave Howard, who was the last Westerner...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...to be a...the international director, to Jun Vencer, why, now, there's even more movement again and to me....

**ERICKSEN:** Movement to where? To...?

**FRIZEN:** To consolidate and expand the effectiveness...

**ERICKSEN:** Okay.

**FRIZEN:** ...of WEF. To me Jun was the only person that I knew personally...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...that I felt could make that transition. Being a Filipino, why, he had many, I don't know if he'd like me to say that, but many American ideas because there's been so much Americanism put into...

**ERICKSEN:** Right.

**FRIZEN:** ...the Philippines. But still, within...within his own authentic Philippine culture as well, why, he was able to...to make that change that I think...because my meaning in that is that he understands us better than a lot of other national people do. And he's not easy on us. I mean, he...he calls us to task and has right from the beginning. But to me, that's a positive effect because I think we ought to be in as partners...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...not with anyone over the other.

**ERICKSEN:** Have the roles of the associations, and I'm thinking of EFMA and IFMA at this point, have they changed any since you s...j...came into IFMA?

**FRIZEN:** Well, I...I think they've changed because they've developed through the years and they were started more with relationships to churches and accreditation and that type of thing. And through the years, they've developed more service orientation. I think EFMA probably started more service orientation because they had their accreditation through...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...their denominations...

**ERICKSEN:** Right.

**FRIZEN:** ...and so forth. Whereas IFMA started more as a fellowship and a counterpart because we had no, you know, denominational meetings to...to go to or to share information. So it was a meeting point and also an accreditation, which was right from 1917. They, as you'll see in the history, why, they had the standards that must be met. So this accredited the missions to various churches that were within our sphere on it. And that still continues today as you'll see the...the IFMA adds or that that are in there, why, symbol of integrity and that type of thing. And we were involved, when the ECFA, Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, was started. I was

actually chairman of the first nominating committee and practically single-handedly named the slate of the first board of ECFA, although, IFMA had never been a part of EF...EFCA. And some of our member missions were charter members and so forth. So, there's been a lot of evolving going on and getting into certain areas. You know, helping to be involved in the start of what became ACMC [Association of Church Missions Committees].

**ERICKSEN:** Right.

**FRIZEN:** I saw in one of your recent [WCBGC Archives] periodicals a quote from Wade [Coggins] in regard to that, that...that our Green Lake '71 meeting was one of the precipitating things. Well, the year before the ACMC was established, IFMA missions in California had a gathering of pastors, mission pastors, when there were some...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and mission executives. And it was held at Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena. And they asked me to come to emcee it. And Ralph Winter and Peter Wagner and others were there at that meeting. Well, we had, you know, a hundred to more people there. And it was a very good meeting. Well, then, as a result of that meeting, Peter and Ralph got the idea of calling for a meeting the following year of churches that had at least a hundred thousand dollar missions budget in it. And so that was the cut off and the criteria for those that were invited to the meeting held in Pasadena where ACMC was born. And at first, Wade and I were getting a little tired of travel and didn't think we'd go. So we commissioned Vergil Gerber to go to represent us, since he was EMIS [Evangelical Missions Information Service] director...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and could represent both. But the closer it got to the meeting, why, the more we felt that we ought to be there. And so all three of us were...were there at that meeting that started ACMC. So seeing things like that, some of the things that evolved in...in InterVarsity and at the Urbana meeting.... At one of the early Urbana meetings in the early '60s, why, we were able to have a...a big display on the church, done both by IFMA and EFMA jointly, and did a special brochure to...to really try to emphasize, again, the importance of the church, the [audio briefly distorts] local church [normal audio resumes] in world evangelization. And things like that...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...that are...are now, you know, every meeting you go to, particularly ACMC and the rest, why, th...that's right at the heart of...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...things. So all through the year [audio cuts out for two seconds] we were involved in a lot of the start of a lot of things. But when they got a life of their own, why, we may have served as advisors for the first few years...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and in fact, like, the ACMC, either Wade or Clyde and I or both...from both organizations, we were invited to every one of their board members [sic] whenever they would meet, particularly if they met in the East or the Midwest. We didn't always go when they were in California. But w...we were involved. And then, like, Grace was the first woman to become the chairman of a major board at College Church. Well, it was the missions board. And so because College Church was one of the significant churches in the ACMC, why, she was on one of the early boards of ACMC and...and traveled for their meetings. So we've...we've been involved in many things. So as I look back over the years, it's only real joy to...to see what the Lord has done and to see what's continuing. And particularly, the main thing is to see how through our involvement with the Missions Commission of WEF and how that's going under Bill Taylor's leadership, we've been involved in some of the first support for some of those from some of our committees...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...the...to send money to help start the books that they were producing for Third World missions or Two-Thirds world missions. That has gone on, and now to see them, again, have a life of their own going on...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...because I served on the Executive Committee of the Missions Commission of WEF, representing North America until I retired. And then Paul McKaughan took my place. I...I actually took Wade's place when he retired and then Paul took mine when I retired.

**ERICKSEN:** I guess, I don't want to ignore the...the...the chapter of life that you're in now. So I...I...you know, can you say a few...

**FRIZEN:** I think so.

**ERICKSEN:** ...a few words about how you got involved in Pioneers and...

**FRIZEN:** Well...

**ERICKSEN:** ...what you're doing?

**FRIZEN:** ...I'm serving as missions consultant. And the way I got involved is that Ted Fletcher, who was the founder of Pioneers, was general sales manager of *Wall Street Journal*, a dedicated Christian. His complete family is dedicated. And in fact, all of his children are, and their spouses, are involved in the mission.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And they...Ted as a sales [laughs] manager in background, why, is a people person. And many of the...the early missionaries were challenged through his challenge in various schools and so forth. They located the office in Washington D.C. area. The Fletcher family has been involved, not Ted, but his brother has been president of Washington Bible College and the Seminary there, Capital Seminary. And they've been on the board and one thing's another. And so there was a...a good affiliation.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And so some of the first missionaries, including John Fletcher, the current president...he was executive director of Pioneers, is a graduate of Washington Bible College and a number of his classmates and schoolmates, those that were in school at the same time, were some of the first missionaries with... And his sister before him, his older sister, I think, was out possibly before. I haven't really met Ginny, but...or I met her husband Ken. But whether they were on the field before John, I'm not sure.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** But all of...all of them have been out and served the Lord on the field. Before...before we retired, while we're still with IFMA, why, we'd occasionally get requests, well, for seven or eight years I used to get a call from Ralph Winter about once a week saying, "What are you doing in IFMA? Come out here to the U.S. Center [for World Mission] where the action is and...and help to be in the management here." Well, Ted, when he would call, as most of our mission executives would call from time to time for things, but he would call for some question that he had or anything, but every time he would end he would say, and this was when they were still in...in northern Virginia, he'd say, "We've got an office for you. Come out." But no high pressure, you know.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** Just...just that seed. Well, after we retired and, you know, he...he continued to do this. Well, in the last year we were there when we were working on the book, he would occasionally call and contact us at home or whatever, and he'd still say the same thing. But then, after we finished and officially retired, why, then he called and said, "Well, come down and check it out." And they were...they had moved to Orlando by that time.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And...and then he'd again say, "We've got an office for you." So we finished in September [ca. 1991] with the IFMA and with the project and gave them out at the annual meeting in September and retired at the end of the month. And then we had our...well, we had a couple of other meetings and things. I was gone much of September and October and it got into November before we could really seriously start packing.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And in the meantime, we'd taken trips in the last year or so to look at Montgomery, Alabama. Grace is from Alabama, southern Alabama. So we'd looked at that and another city in southern Alabama. And we'd looked at Jacksonville and looked around, actually looking for homes...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...in various places and seeing the types of things available. And also in Atlanta area where the rest of my family, my brother's family, is based, and some cousins and relatives there in the area. But we just didn't feel the Lord's direction in any one of them to...to go and...and just retire.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And we didn't feel that the U.S. Center was the place for us. We...Southern California doesn't appeal to us in the flesh. [Laughs] And the U.S. Center, I feel I'm a little too old for...for it. I've seen some of the tensions that Ralph himself has with a lot of these younger guys and now in retirement, I'm not...I'm not up to that. And so we said, "Well, maybe we've got to take Ted up on it and come down and spend a few days with Ted and Peggy and look over the situation." So when we came down, why, they met us and of course, we stayed with them and they shared with us all the information that Bill Bright and company had shared with them. That's one of the reasons they chose Orlando is because all the research that Campus Crusade had done was made available to...to Pioneers. And they'd been looking at about five or six other cities, but this came...they came the same conclusion. And lo and behold, when we visited the office, why, Ted said, "Here's your office." [Laughs] And there it was. And until we moved in December, why, there was my office. And right in the...we were just overlooking the airport there, up on the sixth floor with a, you know, floor-to-ceiling windows, beautiful mar... [unclear]. I don't know if you've seen that, but it's...it's right on the south side...I mean, on the north side of the Bee Line there just across from the airport...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...right next to the Howard Johnson, which is outside the airport on Semoran [Boulevard], the main road coming out on the north side and one of the other hotels there. And beautiful location.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** So now we're, in one way, struggling in much smaller quarters here in these two trailers. But the trailers are very nicely appointed as well. And I don't know if you saw my office when you were there or just....

**ERICKSEN:** No, I didn't.

**FRIZEN:** I thought you'd come to this other office first and...of the KOA. And I had told them to alert you to come down here but.... I came down to turn on the heat [laughs], get it a little prepared.

**ERICKSEN:** So, you're....

**FRIZEN:** I'm...I'm just...I...I come in basically two days a week...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...Tuesdays and Thursdays. I'm in my office and I'm available to anybody that...that wants to consult on anything. And I spend most of my time with John Fletcher as the president and executive director whenever he's available. And he shares things with me to go over. And...and I do with him that I come across...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...things and share. Then, they've made me an honorary member of the board and have had me in at all their board meetings since I've been here with full everything but a vote. But by that time, the vote comes, why, we've discussed [both laugh] it all.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And they even...the board members even have me stay in when they have executive sessions and Ted and John or whoever has to leave, why, they ask me to stay. So...and then when they have their leaders from around the world come in for their international meetings, why, they ask me to come in. And they ask me to be there f...during their candidate orientation times. They have three candidate orientation periods a year. So, with all of that, like, we'll start tomorrow and go through Saturday...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...in the board. So, it ends up approximately half-time, except for the times when I'm away for Tyndale Foundation or Crowell Trust.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** Those are basically the only times that I travel outside unless there's something special, like this...this year will be the fiftieth G.I. Gospel Hour meeting and SEND International fiftieth anniversary meetings. And we've just gotten notice from our supporting Sunday school class at First Baptist Minneapolis that the class will be having their fiftieth anniversary later in April for that class. And they were...they still comprise many of our best friends, as far as those where we've traveled here in the States. There are more of them there, even than we have in Wheaton. In Wheaton, we have many friends that are more business-related...



**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh, uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...missions, or at the college or you know. But as far as personal friends that we eat with and...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...and dine with and so forth on our...in our homes, why, you know, you can count them on your fingers. The Grations [John and Dorothy], and a few people in College Church and...and so forth. But many more...and the unusual thing is this was forty-five years ago and more. And that class, a large percentage of them, are still the same people. Now, in most of our other travels, why, you know, there's such a flux.

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** And after a few years, why, you know, the class is not the same as it was.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And...but there, it's amazing because in our moves, recently, we came across a...a bookmark that they had given us for our farewell when we left there. And they had all their names on it. And we just came across it since we've been down here in Orlando. And it's amazing the number of those that are still there and still in Minneapolis area and still in the class. And so, it's a joy every time we do get back...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...to speak to the class and be there. So, we'll plan to get up there for that too. But I have no real assignment. I...I'm just available.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And one of...one of the leaders, who's actually the mobilization director now, he came over to visit me when I was recuperating from gall bladder surgery last summer. And well, Donny was...was with me last time I saw you...

**ERICKSEN:** Oh, right.

**FRIZEN:** ...in your office.

**ERICKSEN:** Right, in the [Archives] Reading Room.

**FRIZEN:** And he's the one. And he...he's doing the recruiting in all the campuses. He...he was just up in the Chicago area two weeks ago, and in Columbia last week, and next week he's in...up in Prairie Bible, and then at Multnomah. But Donny asked me if it would be possible for

him to meet with me weekly according to our schedules to be accountable in his personal devotional life, in his family life, in his work life, church life. Since we've been meeting, why, he's been elected elder of his Christian Missionary Alliance church here. And he's got a schedule, but he's, you know, just in his...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...thirties [laughs] and is able to...to handle. But he's got small children. And we met yesterday morning. We usually meet Tuesday morning. He comes over at seven o'clock. I usually pick him up. You know, he lives about five minutes away, and bring him to the house. Grace has breakfast. And would you know, yesterday morning, first time since we've been here, our whole area was without lights or electricity. So we ended up having cereal rather than Grace's usual [laughs] breakfast for Donny. But usually a half hour, maybe go over a little bit more in talking at breakfast. But then, Donny and I go into my study at home and spend an hour to an hour-and-a-half praying, sharing, mainly drawing him out in his various areas and.... Because with the travel schedule he's got, I mean, it's rough to keep the family in focus with those two small boys, to keep his devotional life going...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and all the rest. And that's what his concern was and why he wanted to meet with me. So we...and that's the type of thing. And then, various ones will say, "I'd like to see you today. When can I come in?" And...and we go like that. And then I'm...I'm just free...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...to do my own reading, whatever, if there's...if there's nothing scheduled, why, then I try to keep up on all because I still get tons of mail from all kinds of organizations, and try to keep up with some of that. I don't...I don't think I do here...try to do any of the Crowell, outside of maybe some telephoning and that.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** But the Crowell reading I usually do at home, the grant requests and that type of thing and the same with Tyndale. But it's....

**ERICKSEN:** It sounds like you're keeping busy.

**FRIZEN:** Very busy and very happy.

**ERICKSEN:** That's great.

**FRIZEN:** We...we're still not fully adjusted to Orlando, per se. We miss College Church completely. We miss the college and all of the activities there. We miss Wheaton Medical Clinic,

Wheaton Eye Clinic. Although, the Eye Clinic, we're able to...when we have an annual visit to Wheaton, why, I try to arrange for our annual...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...visit. So we haven't given up on the Eye Clinic. But the Medical Clinic, we weren't able to keep up on there. But, new doctors, new church, and things, it's....

**ERICKSEN:** It takes time.

**FRIZEN:** It takes time. And there are very few...well, there's no College Church down here...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...of the mix that College Church has. And the closest would be First Presbyterian downtown, which is still in the [Presbyterian Church] USA and is a little hard for me as from my IFMA...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...background and so forth, to affiliate. And the other one that we felt more comfortable in is...is a United Methodist church that's north of where we live near the University of Central Florida. And the meeting is quite Evangelical. And the pastor is good and it...it's not...he's not an expositor...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh, uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...but he gives good...good solid messages. But the music down here is what it... And, of course, that's...that's all over the country. But that's what tells my age. I just...I can't stand a deady [sic]...a steady diet of praise choruses. You know, College Church does a...a beautiful thing because when they have them, they'll make a booklet and will have a praise chorus and an appropriate hymn that goes right with it and keep a mix. And they're not all these "I"-centered, introspective choruses that are, you know, flooding the market today. But even the solid Evangelical churches here, some of them don't even have hymn books. They...they just throw it on the screen or on the wall. And it seems to me that most of them are written by people in the church or something, you know, and it just doesn't meet the solid meat that comes in the...the old hymns. And, you know, some of the newer Christian songs are fine too, but not a steady diet of just that. And that's what a lot of the churches, are so....

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And then with the various illnesses we've had—I've had two operations since I've been down here and various things—why, we've missed a lot. And like, you know, back out this weekend, I wasn't able to...to get out. And so we get about four hours of TV church. We get First Baptist here and Jim Henry, who's actually the president of the Southern Baptist

Convention this year. But he is a powerful ex...expositor and does a beautiful job. If his church wasn't six thousand large and...and a little too Southern Baptist for me, why, I'd sure love to sit under his ministry. And we do at home as...as often...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...as we can, whenever we are.... Not even when we went to the...go to the Methodist Church, and that's one reason [laughs] we like it because we can hear Jim Henry before we leave for the...for the other service and...and get it in. And then...and then get...we either attend or hear the pastor at First Ba...First Methodist, excuse me...

**ERICKSEN:** Pres....

**FRIZEN:** ...First Presbyterian as well. So we're...we're adjusting.

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** But it's taking adjustment, and primarily because of the heavy load in the house and owning the home and the yard and everything here compared to what we had at Wheaton.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** If we'd had a townhouse with those things taken care of.... When we first came, the fellows at Pioneers would come over and cut our grass and would do one thing and another to help us. They helped us to get....

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**ERICKSEN:** ...you got help from...?

**FRIZEN:** From the executives here.

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** John Fletcher himself would come over and cut our grass. Warren Wagner, who's head of their Russian program, and now is the adm...the administrator...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...of the whole area here as well as still the general director of the Russian program.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** He retired Lieutenant Colonel, was one of the ones heading up the...the inspection system in Jap...in Russia before he retired. One came over, put up all of our ceiling fans. He

came over and hooked up our garage door opener and anything that we needed. I...you can tell I'm not a handyman. Grace is the handywoman of the house.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And he just is a servant at heart even though he's a top leader and a good administrator.

**ERICKSEN:** Well, it sounds like you have found a home and a community to be part of.

**FRIZEN:** We really have.

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah. Well, that's....

**FRIZEN:** And like, Friday night during our board meeting to get the board members to know the staff members and that...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...they'll be having a dinner with the staff people and all the spouses and the board members and any board members that have spouses with them, just for an evening dinner together...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and getting better acquainted. And they do that. They have a closing banquet at the...at each of the orientation programs. And we're invited and I usually have the invocation at the start of that. And we just...they involve us, and all the Fletchers, they just go out of their way to...to say how much they appreciate having us here and so, we do have a support system that...that is really tremendous...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...and is really something that I really covet for...for all that retire because that is a traumatic change...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...even though, you know, in one way, I don't miss the IFMA office. And we didn't from the day we went out and started working on the book.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** That was past us. And so, we were able to release that and no problem, but, you know, it's just the little things.

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** You know. You end up without a typewriter, without a... Grace has a computer, but I...I'm not computer literate.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** And you...you just don't have a copy machine. You don't have anything to...that you...been a normal part of your...

**ERICKSEN:** Right.

**FRIZEN:** ...your existence. And this, Pioneers has provided for me and as well as, you know, the continuing fellowship and they say that I...I'm a help to them, so, you know, you just praise the Lord...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...and just, you can't ask for anything more. And I still get calls from WEF, work by telephone. I have in my briefcase here in the office now, they just sent me...they're renewing their financial basis and wanted me to go over the policies and go over them. So I get calls from...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...others. And then through Crowell, why, in our site visits that we have each year, like in November we were in Dallas and had two days actually down in McAllen, Texas, area. But the rest of the time in Dallas and visiting with Dallas Seminary and with CAM International and with Wycliffe and with Mexican Mission Ministry down in far Texas and with the HCJB radio network that they have all along the border...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...that's based in McAllen, and get to visit with a lot of our old friends as we meet in the various ones. We were recently in Charlotte, North Carolina, and of course, many there in SIM and Africa Evangelical Fellowship. And the...one of the Jewish missions and others that were there that...that came in. So, we're able to keep in contact, although, I haven't been to an IFMA meeting...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...since, although I just got a call this week. And the joint IFMA/EFMA meeting in '96 will be held here in...in Orlando. And John has asked me to be one to speak to them at that time. So, that'll be my first time back to an IFMA meeting, four years after retirement.

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh. Well, it doesn't sound like you have retired yet. [Both laugh] Certainly appreciate, you know, your time and it's.... We've finally finished our interview process. Really...

**FRIZEN:** Well....

**ERICKSEN:** ...appreciate your reflecting back on your experience and the things you've seen happen.

**FRIZEN:** Very happy to have done it. And if there's any way that any of it can be of...of help to those that are studying along.... And I think, in one way, this has come full circle. I mentioned briefly when we started this morning that being with Pioneers is somewhat analogous to when we started in...

**ERICKSEN:** Yes.

**FRIZEN:** ...in Far Eastern Gospel Crusade with all young, eager, and folks that are going out that haven't had much field experience, although, most of them have had at least short-term experience. And most of us in Far Eastern Gospel Crusade got our short-term experience [laughs] by Uncle Sam...

**ERICKSEN:** Right.

**FRIZEN:** ...and being out that way. But it's...it's very satisfying. How long the Lord gives us health and enables us to continue, whether we stay here in Orlando or whether we retire from here, it's in his hands. And when he leads to something else or to someplace else, why, I trust we'll be ready to...to follow him. And like Abraham's servant, I've felt that "I being in the way, the Lord led...." [Genesis 24:27] And...and this is what I wanted for my life, to have the Lord's direction and leading and to be in the center of his will...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...to accomplish whatever. And I had no problem, you know, with being a behind the scenes, office-type servant. And yet, the Lord has...has enabled, you know, to have side benefits of all the...the world travel and the...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...the friendships, and particularly with national leaders.

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah, that....

**FRIZEN:** I've...I've been invited to...to go in May to...to Seoul for the Global Consultation on World Evangelization by A.D. 2000. And Ted Fletcher and I will travel together...

**ERICKSEN:** Uh-huh.

**FRIZEN:** ...for that and it'll give me a chance to introduce him to a number of friends. John [Orme] wasn't able to work it into his...his busy schedule, but Ted will.... It'll be a little nostalgic for him too since he really came to the Lord through Billy Graham at...in Korea while he was there in the Marines during the Korean War. And so, this'll be a time for him to go back and be a little nostalgic visit there...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...in Korea. So we're looking forward to...to that. So that'll be another trip. Plus all these anniversary things this year. This is going to be a busy year...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...for us. But if the Lord continues to give strength and...

**ERICKSEN:** Yeah.

**FRIZEN:** ...and direction....

**ERICKSEN:** Seems a good place, a good way to end.

**FRIZEN:** Amen.

**ERICKSEN:** Thank you, Jack.

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