

if you have faith as small as a mustard seed



you tell that mountain to move away, move away.
Matthew 17:20

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introducing... KCCE MISSIONS MINISTRY FORWARD

My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. -Isaiah 51:5

vision statement 2006-2007

Thank you for reading the *Forward* newsletter throughout the year. We hope that you have been blessed, challenged, and encouraged by all the testimonies, reports, articles, and pictures and hope that you will continue to seek out God's heart for the nations by daily mobilizing and educating yourselves through all means possible. Below is the vision statement for missions ministry next year. Please read it and continue to pray for us as we do for you.

The vision for KCCE missions ministry 2006-2007 is to encourage the church's heart to actively participate in God's redemptive plan for the world through (1) prayer life (2) awareness and education (3) finances and (4) time and vacation breaks. By creating easy access to information, opportunities, and testimonies concerning world missions, we wish to show that the joyful work of missions is not for the "extraordinary" Christian, but it is for everyone, everyday.

The heart of this ministry is centered around Revelation 7:9-10 which says: "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'" Our ever-present hope is to see the nations worshiping before the throne of God, and to make His glory known in all the world.

In the past year, the missions ministry met on a weekly basis to organize events such as the service auction, seminars, CU Straight Ahead, SVMII, and Storytime Cafe. In addition, the ministry published and distributed a quarterly newsletter, *Forward*. One of the main responsibilities of the ministry is to facilitate opportunities for individuals or teams from the congregation to experience God on the mission field, both overseas and locally, during winter, spring, and summer breaks.

If you would like to serve the church through the KCCE missions ministry, please pray and then contact either Biblia Kim (bsk29) or Sara Woo (kw225).

-with Overflowing Love in Christ, KCCE Missions Ministry 2005-06

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After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." -Revelation 7:9-17



spring break 2006

INNER CITY MISSIONS

TEAM TESTIMONIES

Eugene Kwon / Biblia Kim / Sara Woo / Ji Yun Lee / Sanghee Suh / Jung Hoon Son / Thomas Rho / Deborah Han / Lauren Der / Joy Lee



Eugene Kwon
 What's so valuable about these short term trips is that they show us God's heart for the nations and His heart for us in real and tangible ways. For me, this comes through the challenge short term missions poses: can I live my life committed to meeting the needs of others out of the overflow of God's love in my life? When we succeed, we realize that it's only by experiencing God's love that any of it was possible. When we fail, we see again that apart from the True Vine we can't bear any fruit at all. In this way, the love of God for His people is seen as deeply intertwined with the love that should spill out of us to those around us. Short term missions becomes an opportunity to see this mechanism at work in a focused, dedicated way; though we ought to pursue this daily whether on missions or not, the reality is that we need these focused reminders of what God's love is meant to do in our lives. Philly missions was for me that focused reminder of what this thing called Christianity is all about.



Ji Yun Lee

God showed me that He works through the mind, not always through emotions. I was not spiritually high during the missions trip (actually, I was pretty low) but I still felt his presence. He continued to remind me to TRUST in Him, and to know that He is SOVEREIGN. I interacted with a lot of people who had no where else to turn to except GOD. They had inner peace amidst all their struggles which was, and is, something that I thirst for.



Sara Woo
 Kensington- the sight of abandoned houses, peeling paint and rusty metal, garbage-lined streets and alleys, playgrounds covered in shattered glass, lonely people sitting in thick coats, clutching their lives in plastic bags- What made it all so strangely, breathtakingly beautiful? / This is what God loved. / When we looked into their eyes and smiled deeply; when we ladled them hot soup and put sandwiches in their bags; when we listened to their stories, when we held their hands and cried- / His words became our words. His gentleness, His peace, His love, His joy, His compassion, flowed like a river deep inside. / We remembered the times when He came speaking tenderness to our hardened hearts. We remembered the goodness of our Lord, and that goodness flowed out and filled the streets.



Jung Hoon Son
 Honestly, my primary motivation to go to Philly was to avoid home. I believe God is prying me away from my family since family is the number one reason I turn hesitant about doing God's work. I rarely have time to pray at home and sometimes have scrambled to hide my Bible when my mom entered the room. I sought refuge in Philly missions for spring break. Thankfully, God gave me peace and joy there. Usually, we tend to connect missions with a share of suffering and sacrifice, and since I never really felt that way, I struggled with why I wasn't being passionate or utterly broken, and not being the way I 'should' be. But after this mission, I saw that that very same inner struggle was constantly making me think of what God has done during the Philly mission trip. These days I just want to do more in God's name. This is sweeter than honey for me to taste right now, so I will take little bites at a time. As for my family - I will continue to pray for my family to be saved, and I can surely prophesize that they will be saved.



Sanghee Suh

The reality of poverty, broken families, and vandalized neighborhoods really brought me to a sense of hopelessness when I first came to Philly. But it was that in-your-face reality that made me see God's beauty. It made me see how God's beauty and my beauty are two different things. God finds beauty in our own broken and tainted hearts. Oh, and God was sooo REAL. I felt like every prayer walk, every conversation, and every smile was a blessing from Him. Our ministry was so spirit-led that we could not deny the presence of God within Kensington and the team.



Biblia Kim
 This time around (having gone last spring break as well), Philly wasn't a time where I felt grace abundant everyday. I had bronchitis, I was humbled like crazy about my abilities, I wondered if cleaning a couple blocks was worth it. But towards the end I did feel the shadow lifting when we were singing "Marvelous Light." I'm so glad He's my Savior, every day I need saving. I think He put me in a place where I would see that my time in Kensington over the summer isn't going to be the best everyday because I'm that weak, that helpless, that much in need of reminders to look up; maybe last year's feeling of abundance and this year's dryness were little tastes of what is to come. But I'm looking forward to it. I hope He breaks me even more, and fills me to overflowing.



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CARIBBEAN LIFETIME MISSIONS

J A M A I C A

B i b l i a K i m / D i a n a L e e
B e t t y L e e / J u n g H o o n S o n

Organization: CLM / Caribbean Lifetime Missions

Where: Jamaica

Who: Biblia Kim, Diana Lee, Betty Lee, Jung Hoon Son

When: July 29-August 12

What: Orphanage work, Vacation Bible School for children, education, construction, painting, clean-up, street evangelism, drama, tract distribution, church ministries

Background on Jamaica:

A lush and beautiful island, Jamaica is struggling to overcome lawlessness which has given it one of the world's highest murder rates and threatens to jeopardise its tourism industry, the main foreign exchange earner. Jamaica's political stability, plentiful bauxite deposits, attractive scenery and rich culture - best known for its reggae music - contrast with widespread crime and poverty.

The government has at times deployed army units to suppress violent unrest. There were more than 1,600 reported murders [pop. 2.7mil] in 2005 and there have been accusations of extrajudicial killings by law-enforcers.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/country_profiles/1190968.stm

Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller has pledged to be strong and unflinching in fighting against the illegal drug trade that plagues Jamaica and the Caribbean. [...] She also said she would be working closely with other regional heads of government to coordinate a defence against the trafficking of illicit drugs, which she noted is a US\$322 billion industry.

The number one priority in reviewing and transforming the state of the nation is the need for each of us to rid ourselves of the feeling of helplessness, the feeling that we cannot do anything or any more in the face of the murder, the crime and the violence. —Senator Professor Trevor Munroe

<http://www.jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20060409/lead/>





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ICM: KENSINGTON / PHILADELPHIA

KIBOGORA HOSPITAL / WORLD RELIEF: RWANDA

B i b l i a K i m / J o y L e e
J o h n C h o i / S a r a h C h a n g



Organization: ICM / Inner City Missions
Where: Kensington / North Philadelphia
Who: Biblia Kim, Joy Lee
When: mid-May-mid-June
What: Helping at office on Kensington Ave., prayer walking, building relationships with adults and children. Visiting St. Francis soup kitchen, tutoring, Bethany Medical Bus. Helping church Urban Worship Center through whatever means possible.

Organization: Kibogora Hospital / World Relief

Where: Kibogora, Rwanda

Who: John Choi, Sarah Chang

When: June 28-August 3

What: Volunteering and shadowing doctors at hospital. Public health work (child relief program) with World Relief. Vacation Bible School with children at hospital. Helping long-term pastors and missionaries. Other various mercy ministries.



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OMF: TAIWAN / OMF: NE CHINA

VSET: CHINA / KCCC: NEPAL

Jacob Chang / Alice Yeh / Esther Park /
Ray Li / Yun Seok Jeong

Organization: OMF / Overseas Missionary Fellowship

Where: Taiwan

Who: Jacob Chang, Alice Yeh

When: June 23-July 21

What: Short-term trip to teach missionary kids during a conference for all Taiwanese missionaries. Prayer walking and finding out the prayer needs of different areas in the country ("Prayer Journeys").



Organization: OMF / Overseas Missionary Fellowship

Where: Northeast China

Who: Esther Park

When: June 21-July 10

What: Catch a vision and pray for the needs of North Korea and Northeast China. Teach Korean-Chinese University students conversational English. Pray for the people in this area and learn about current opportunities there.



Organization: VSET / Volunteer Summer English Teachers

Where: China

Who: Ray Li

When: June 20-August 19

What: Eight-week conversational English teaching program for junior high and high school students in China.



Organization: KCCC / Korea Campus Crusade for Christ

Where: Nepal

Who: Yun Seok Jeong

When: June 23-August 1

What: 1 week missions conference in Korea. Nepal for 4 weeks of ministry. Prayer requests: Love for Nepalese / Team unity / Heart of servitude and openness / Perseverance in preparing through prayer, fasting, and reading of the Word.



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S i b u H a n s d a



West Bengal

Calcutta, Mother Teresa, William Carey, Bengal tigers and Darjeeling tea all make the state of West Bengal famous. Bordering Bangladesh and stretching from the Himalayan Mountains to the Bay of Bengal, 82 millions people (comprising 203 people groups) live in this cultural and industrial hub of India.

The capital of West Bengal is Calcutta. Built by the British East India Company 300 years ago, Calcutta was the capital of British India until the early 20th century. When India gained independence, Bengal was split along Hindu/Muslim lines, creating West Bengal and East Bengal (now Bangladesh). Calcutta lost its economic partner in the partition, and millions of refugees poured into the city. Today 13 million people live in Calcutta, which has the worlds lowest standard of living, vast slums and over one million homeless.

In 1793, the British missionary William Carey came to Calcutta. Eight years later, he produced the first book ever published in the Bengali language—the Bible. In the 20th century, Mother Teresa established her Home for the Dying and Destitute right next door to the Kalighat, the Hindu temple dedicated to Kali (the goddess of destruction), from whom the city derives its name. In September 2000, in an attempt to reclaim its pre-colonial heritage, Calcutta returned to its traditional name, Kolkata.

As a major industrial state, West Bengal boasts over 11,000 factories, which produce everything from footwear to pharmaceuticals. More than 70 percent of the population, however, is involved in agriculture. Rice, jute, potatoes, tobacco, cardamom and wheat are important crops. In the north, tea is king. Twenty-two percent of India's tea is produced in the Darjeeling region, and most of this is exported. Darjeeling tea finds its way to Buckingham Palace and into the teacups of royalty.

The official language of West Bengal is Bengali (85.8%). Minority languages include Hindi (5.3%), Santali (2.6%), Urdu (12.1%) and Nepali (1.3%). Most of the people are Hindu (75.1%) or Muslim (23.4%), with Christians comprising only six-tenths of one percent.

Gospel for Asia in West Bengal

Work began in 1995 / Personal evangelism / Church planting / Bible schools / Slum ministry / Film ministry / Ministry to children / Gospel literature and Bible distribution / Radio broadcasts in Bengali, Urdu, Hindi, Santali, Nepali, Bhojpuri, Gujarati and Oriya

Conversion Experience

I was born March 4, 1975, into a Hindu family in India. My parents were devout Hindus, so my childhood was greatly influenced by the Hindu mythologies. I grew up worshipping pagan idols, offering sacrifices to them and visiting temples. But nothing could take away the emptiness of my heart.

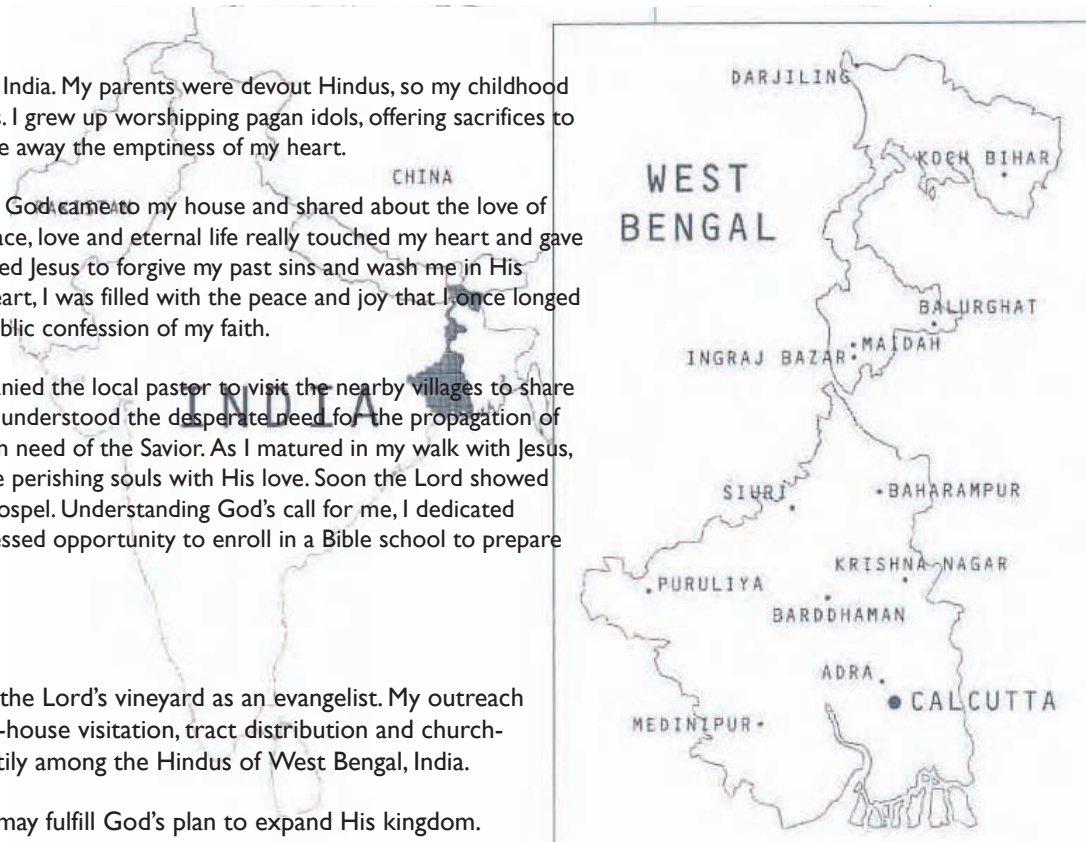
While still lost in spiritual darkness, a servant of God came to my house and shared about the love of Jesus with me and my family. The message of peace, love and eternal life really touched my heart and gave me new insight. Convicted of my lost state, I asked Jesus to forgive my past sins and wash me in His precious blood. And after Jesus came into my heart, I was filled with the peace and joy that I once longed for. Subsequently I was baptized in water as a public confession of my faith.

With the joy of salvation deep within, I accompanied the local pastor to visit the nearby villages to share the unfailing love of Jesus. Through these visits I understood the desperate need for the propagation of the Gospel among the people who were really in need of the Savior. As I matured in my walk with Jesus, He put a burden in my heart to reach out to the perishing souls with His love. Soon the Lord showed me that His will for my life was to preach the Gospel. Understanding God's call for me, I dedicated myself for full-time ministry. And I received a blessed opportunity to enroll in a Bible school to prepare myself for an effective ministry.

Present Ministry

It is my immense joy and pleasure to work in the Lord's vineyard as an evangelist. My outreach ministry includes open-air meetings, house-to-house visitation, tract distribution and church-planting work. And the Lord is using me mightily among the Hindus of West Bengal, India.

Please pray for me and for my family that we may fulfill God's plan to expand His kingdom.





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Martin Kareethara Easappan



Kerala

Because its long coastline makes it open to foreign influences, the state of Kerala is home to a unique culture. Various people groups and races have made significant contributions through the years. This has paved the way for a spirit of tolerance that still endures in the people of Kerala.

With an area of 15,000 square miles—approximately one percent of India’s total land area—Kerala is one of the smallest states in India. Its length stretches 360 miles along the Malabar Coast on the western side of the Indian peninsula. The width of the this tiny state varies from 20 miles to 75 miles.

Kerala has three geographic regions—highlands, midlands and lowlands. The highlands contain major plantations for products such as tea, coffee, rubber and various spices. Cashews, bananas, rice, pepper, sugarcane and a variety of vegetables grow in the midlands. A major industry of Kerala’s lowlands (coastal areas and backwaters) is the preparation of coconut fibers to make rope.

Kerala has a poor economy and has little food for its large population of over three million. This is due to the development of commercial agriculture (the selling of crops to those outside the community) at the expense of feeding the local people. For instance, there is a local shortage of rice, one of the staple foods in India.

Officially declared a state in 1956, Kerala enjoys the highest literacy rate (91%), longest life expectancy and lowest infant mortality rate in India. Sadly, this state also suffers from the highest suicide rate in the country—28.4 people for every 10,000.

Historically, worship in Kerala centered around ancestral respect and the concept of a mother “war goddess.” Mixed into Hindu rituals is the attribution of divinity to objects such as snakes, trees and stones. Religions currently practices in Kerala are Hinduism (57.7%), Islam (23%) and Christianity (19.3%).

Called the “Rome of Christianity in Kerala,” the highly developed town of Tiruvalla houses the head offices for Gospel for Asia and other Christian organizations. This is the town where St. Thomas preached the Gospel and planted a church in A.D. 52.

Gospel for Asia in Kerala

Work began in 1980 / Personal evangelism / Church planting / Bible schools / Gospel for Asia Biblical Seminary / Gospel literature distribution / Radio broadcasts in Malayalam / Boat ministry / Jail ministry / Youth camps / Mobile team / Bible printing and distribution

Conversion Experience

I was born May 20, 1974, into a nominal Christian family in India. Along with my parents I was regular in attending the church services. Yet we as a family lacked peace in our lives. My father was an alcoholic and a sick person. And my mother was under some evil powers, and for her deliverance we even did witchcraft, but in vain.

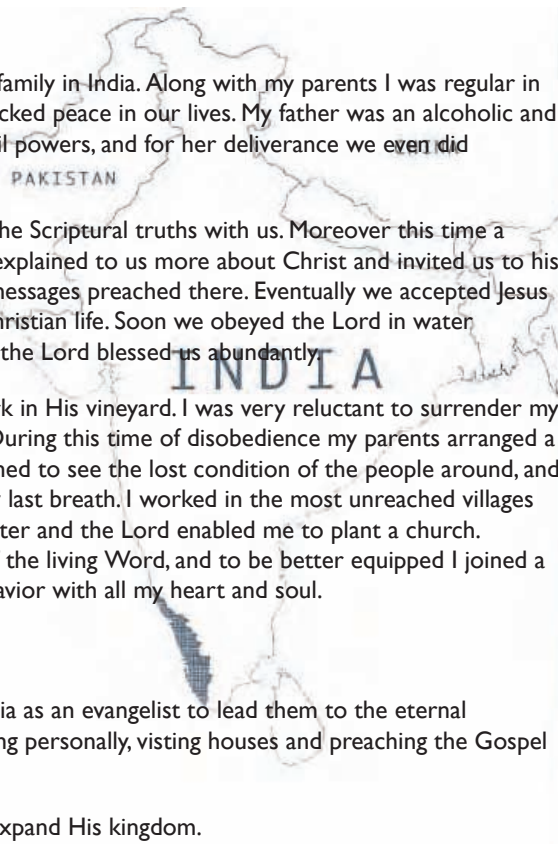
One day my uncle, a born-again Christian, shared the Scriptural truths with us. Moreover this time a pastor from a nearby village also came home and explained to us more about Christ and invited us to his church. We enjoyed the worship service and the messages preached there. Eventually we accepted Jesus as our personal Savior, and began leading a true Christian life. Soon we obeyed the Lord in water baptism. Our mourning turned into happiness and the Lord blessed us abundantly.

As I drew closer to the Lord, He called me to work in His vineyard. I was very reluctant to surrender my life, as I was very sacred to face difficulties in life. During this time of disobedience my parents arranged a prayer meeting at home. There my eyes were opened to see the lost condition of the people around, and I dedicated my life to do the Lord’s ministry till my last breath. I worked in the most unreached villages of India as an evangelist and won many for my Master and the Lord enabled me to plant a church. Meanwhile I felt the need for a clear knowledge of the living Word, and to be better equipped I joined a Bible school. All I desire in life is to work for my Savior with all my heart and soul.

Present Ministry

At present I work among the Hindus in Kerala, India as an evangelist to lead them to the eternal kingdom. For that I am distributing tracts, witnessing personally, visting houses and preaching the Gospel in public meetings.

Please pray for me that I may fulfill God’s plan to expand His kingdom.





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H a r a n K u m a r S u n a



Orissa

Situated in the Bay of Bengal, the state of Orissa was known throughout the ancient world as a strategic maritime empire. Its nearness to the sea, however, makes it vulnerable to natural disasters like the devastating cyclone of 1999 that killed at least 10,000 people and left one million homeless.

The people of Orissa are known to be friendly and hospitable. Around 83 percent speak Oriya, the state language, which has 29 dialects. Predominantly Hindu (95%), Orissa is 2 percent Christian and 2 percent Muslim. A quarter of its 38 million people are Adivasis, or those belonging to tribal communities.

Seventy-six percent of the population depends on agriculture for their livelihood. Other industries include stone and woodcarving, filigree works and basketry. The state is also a main exporter of iron ore.

Orissa is one of India's poorest states, with 66 percent of the population living below the poverty line. The widespread crop destruction brought on by the cyclone in 1999 was followed by a year of drought and famine in 2000. As a result, there was a mass movement from the countryside to the cities to find food and employment. Half of the population cannot read and the quality of life is bleak.

In the 1990s, persecution against Christians began to increase, drawing world attention in 1999 with the martyrdom of missionary Graham Staines and his two sons.

Orissa has one of the worst records for violence against Christians, due in part to the activities of a religious fundamentalist group. Many churches have been destroyed and Christian workers continue to be attacked. There is a law prohibiting conversion and, since 2000, baptism requires the permission of the government. Despite all of this, the Body of Christ in Orissa continues to flourish. A new Oriya Bible was published in 1998.

Gospel for Asia in Orissa

Work began in 1993 / Personal evangelism / Church planting / Bible schools / Radio broadcasts in Oriya / Cyclone relief

Conversion Experience

I was born February 1, 1978, into a Hindu family in India. I followed every ritual and custom of our religion and grew up without any knowledge of the living God. I was a staunch Hindu since I learned and practiced it from a very young age. In spite of all this, I found no meaning in life but a lingering emptiness in my soul.

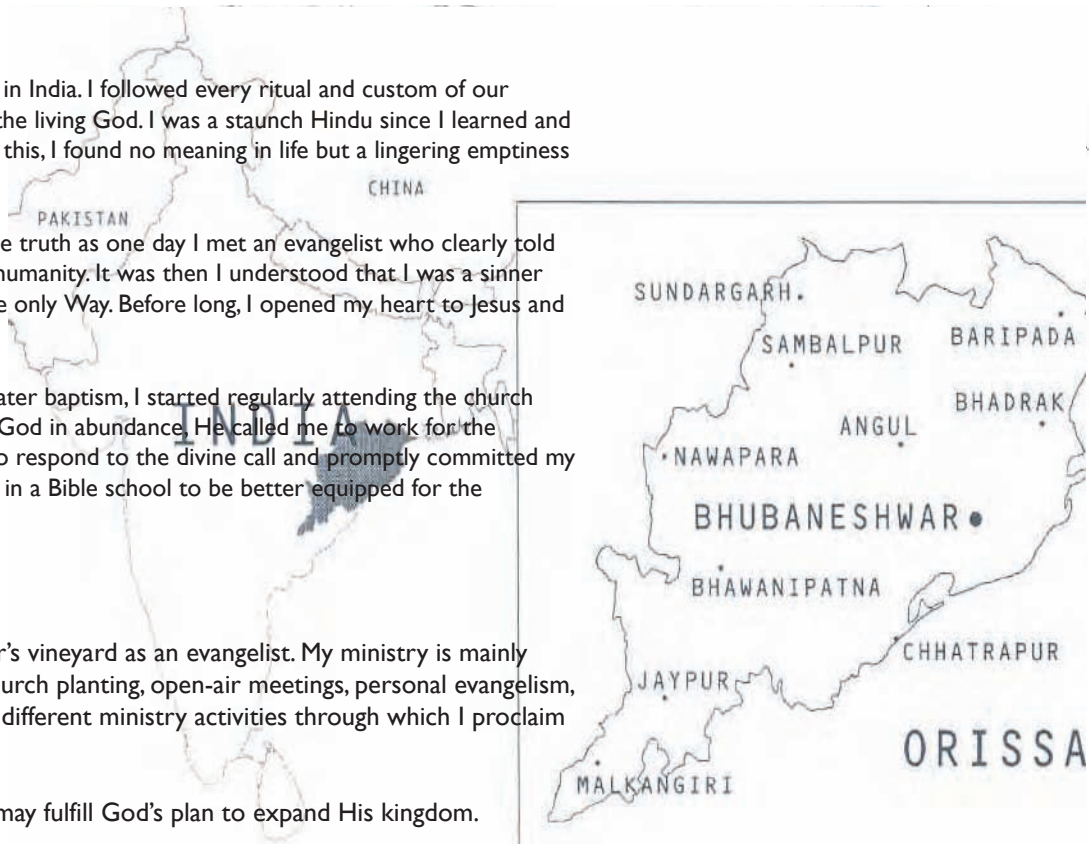
The Lord in His time rewarded my search for the truth as one day I met an evangelist who clearly told me about Jesus Christ and His love for the lost humanity. It was then I understood that I was a sinner who needed to be saved, and that Christ was the only Way. Before long, I opened my heart to Jesus and became His child.

After publicly obeying the Lord's command in water baptism, I started regularly attending the church services. While enjoying the peace and grace of God in abundance, He called me to work for the furtherance of His kingdom. I was not hesitant to respond to the divine call and promptly committed my entire life to work for His glory. Soon, I enrolled in a Bible school to be better equipped for the fulfillment of the task ahead.

Present Ministry

With the grace from above, I toil in my Master's vineyard as an evangelist. My ministry is mainly focused among the Hindus in Orissa, India. Church planting, open-air meetings, personal evangelism, tract distribution and house visitation are the different ministry activities through which I proclaim the Word of God.

Please pray for me and for my family that we may fulfill God's plan to expand His kingdom.





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D o u g h l a s K u m a r D a y a l



Chhattisgarh

Considered the “Home of the Tribals,” the state of Chhattisgarh in central India is surrounded by mountains and flowing rivers. Nearly 21 million people live in the state, which has one of the largest tribal populations in the world.

Chhattisgarh was formerly the southeastern corner of the state of Madhya Pradesh. However, in 2000 it broke away to become its own state. Its geographic area of 83,947 square miles is approximately one-third the former size of Madhya Pradesh. The primary language is Hindi (80%), followed by Gondi (10%).

Most people in this state are Hindu (92.4%), and less than one percent are Christian. Chhattisgarh’s largest tribe, the Gond, is only two percent Christian. In Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh combined, there are 8.6 million Gond (out of 10.5 million in all of India). More than 30 missions agencies are reaching out to them with the Gospel. Most tribal groups in the state practice witchcraft and a Hindu-based animism (the belief that animals and inanimate objects have souls).

Despite local and statewide opposition to the Gospel, house churches are multiplying. In Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, the number of churches planted increased by 500 percent from 1993 to 2000. Because Chhattisgarh’s tribals have a high illiteracy rate, personal evangelism and film outreach are the most effective ways to convey the Gospel.

Gospel for Asia in Kerala

Work began in 1995 / Personal evangelism / Church planting / Bible schools / Film ministry / Gospel literature and Bible distribution / Radio broadcasts in Hindi

Conversion Experience

I was born March 10, 1976 into a nominal Christian family in India. Though born and raised in a Christian home, I was far away from the Lord. I was involved in all sorts of wicked things and disobeyed my parents and elders. I wandered here and there and rarely stayed at home.

Once while roaming around, I was caught by a cruel man who beat me up very severely. Though I did not do any harm to him, he was about to kill me with a sword. I cried out for help, but there was nobody to help me. Suddenly, I remembered the name of the Lord Jesus.

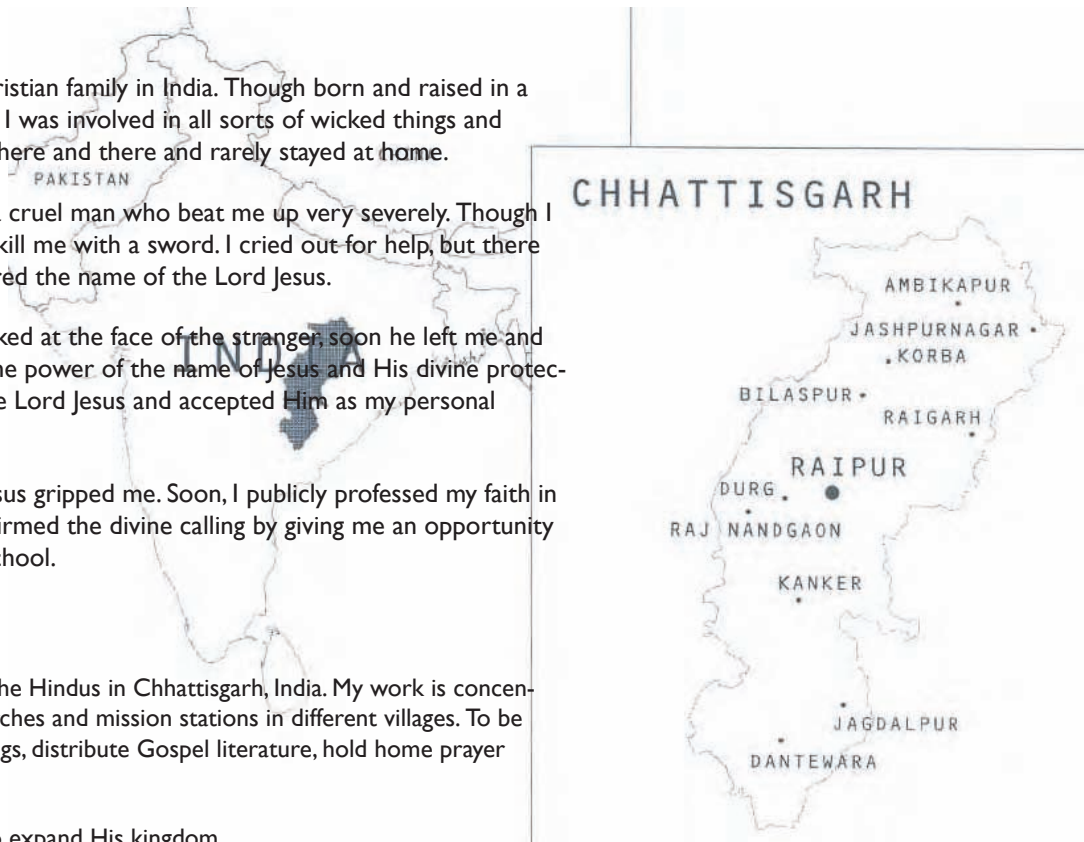
After praying when I opened my eyes and looked at the face of the stranger, soon he left me and ran away. That was the time when I realized the power of the name of Jesus and His divine protection upon me. There, I dedicated my life to the Lord Jesus and accepted Him as my personal Savior.

Not long after, a desire to live for the Lord Jesus gripped me. Soon, I publicly professed my faith in the Lord through water baptism. The Lord affirmed the divine calling by giving me an opportunity to study the Word, and I enrolled in a Bible school.

Present Ministry

I am serving the Lord as an evangelist to reach the Hindus in Chhattisgarh, India. My work is concentrated in winning the heathens and planting churches and mission stations in different villages. To be effective in my work, I preach in open-air meetings, distribute Gospel literature, hold home prayer fellowships and witness from house to house.

Please pray for me that I may fulfill God’s plan to expand His kingdom.





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Subramani Allimuthu Asaria



Tamil Nadu

Six thousand years ago, the Dravidians—the original people of India and the architects of the Indus Valley civilization—inhabited many areas of the Indian subcontinent. When Aryans from the north began to gain power around 1500 B.C., however, the Dravidians were driven south into what is not Tamil Nadu. There they remain to this day.

Tamil Nadu is known as the “Land of Temples,” where life revolves around religious practices. Hindus represent 88 percent of the population, and the caste system is strictly observed. In 2002, Tamil Nadu enacted an anti-conversion law that made changing one’s religion illegal. Aimed at preventing the Dalits (the so-called “Untouchables”) from leaving Hinduism, the law illustrates the powerful hold of casteism on Tamil society.

Of the 65 million people in Tamil Nadu, 87 percent speak Tamil, one of the oldest languages in India. The rest speak Telugu, Urdu (used by the Muslim population), Kannada, Malayalam, and tribal languages.

Most people in Tamil Nadu are involved in agriculture. Rice is the main crop, producing two or three harvests a year in the most fertile areas. Other crops include sugar cane, cotton, coffee, tea, rubber, and chilies. On the coast, fishing is a major industry. As an exporter, Tamil Nadu sends leather goods, cotton, tea, coffee, spices and tobacco around the world.

The first Christian missionary to Tamil Nadu was the Apostle Thomas, who was martyred near the modern city of Chennai (formerly Madras) in A.D. 72. In 1504, Portuguese fleets brought priests and friars. The East India Company came to Chennai a century later, setting the stage for Great Britain to rule the nation. In 1901, Irish missionary Amy Carmichael began her work of rescuing temple children from prostitution. Today nearly six percent of the population is Christian.

Gospel for Asia in Tamil Nadu

Bible school established in 1992 / Personal evangelism / Church planting / Ministry to children / Home Bible schools / Slum outreach / Film ministry / Ministry in leper colonies / Gospel literature and Bible distribution / Radio broadcasts in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Urdu and Malayalam

Conversion Experience

I was born May 25, 1976, into a Hindu family in India. Without any aim in life I wandered along with my friends and visited many temples and pilgrim centers. But from nowhere I received peace and happiness. And I never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

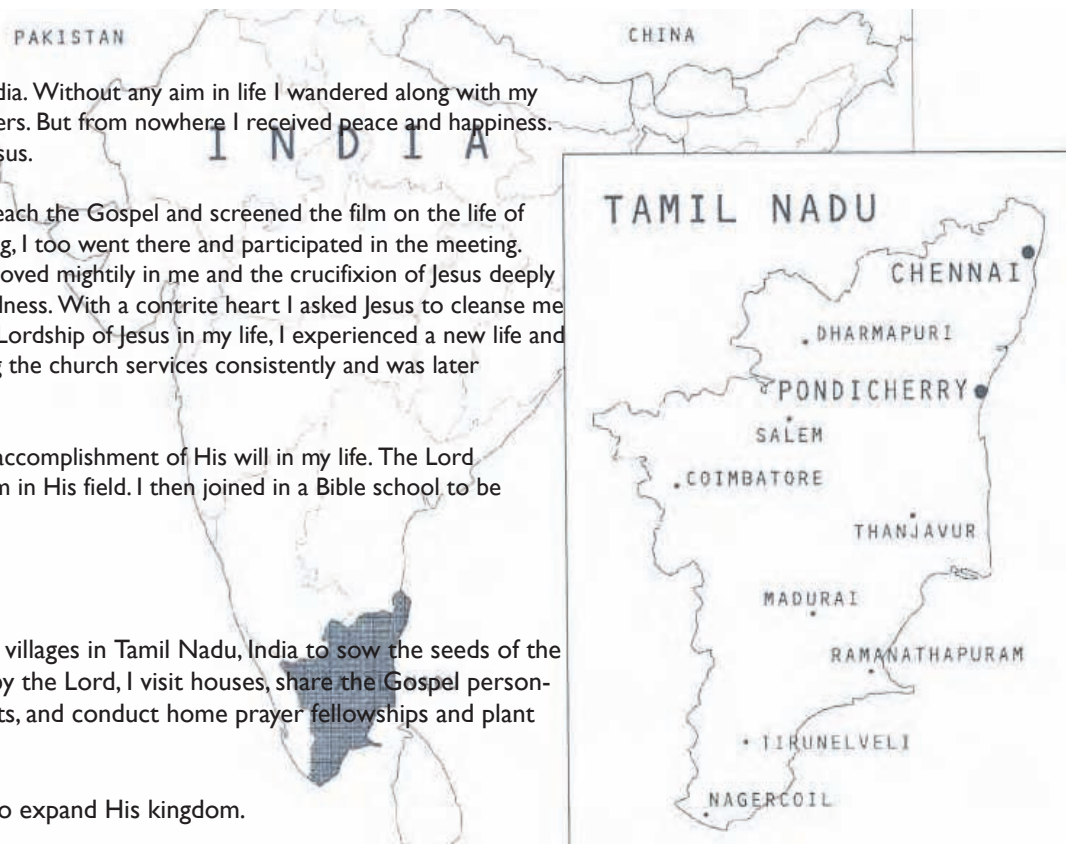
One day a Gospel team came to our village to preach the Gospel and screened the film on the life of Jesus Christ. In order to know what was happening, I too went there and participated in the meeting. Though I was accidentally there, the Holy Spirit moved mightily in me and the crucifixion of Jesus deeply touched my heart and I was convicted of my sinfulness. With a contrite heart I asked Jesus to cleanse me in His precious blood. When I acknowledged the Lordship of Jesus in my life, I experienced a new life and happiness within. With much joy I began attending the church services consistently and was later baptized in water.

Since then I earnestly prayed to the Lord for the accomplishment of His will in my life. The Lord honored my prayer and called me to labor for Him in His field. I then joined in a Bible school to be thoroughly equipped for the task abroad.

Present Ministry

I work as an evangelist in the Hindu-dominated villages in Tamil Nadu, India to sow the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts of the lost. Strengthened by the Lord, I visit houses, share the Gospel personally, preach in open-air meetings, distribute tracts, and conduct home prayer fellowships and plant churches.

Please pray for me that I may fulfill God’s plan to expand His kingdom.





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"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. -Isaiah 51:4-6

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

**Shadow Of The Almighty:
The Life And Testament Of Jim Elliot**
-Elizabeth Elliot

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-John Piper

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www.persecution.org

Touch the World Through Prayer
-Wesley L. Duewel

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www.thetravelingteam.org

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-John Teter

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www.urbana.org

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-Robert E. Coleman

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A Mind for Missions
-Paul Borthwick

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-Patrick Johnstone, Jason Mandryk

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-Don Richardson

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www.us.omf.org

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-Bill Hybels, Mark Mittelberg

www.gfa.org/gfa/gospelforasia

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