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## A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

It was dark inside. We had just stepped out of the sunlight into a small one room brick house. There was no electricity, no lights of any kind. As our eyes began to adjust we could see rice sacks scattered around like rugs trying to cover the dirt floor. There were no chairs, just a bed in the corner to sit on.

A woman sat on the floor clutching a small baby to her chest rocking her back and forth as the little one coughed and wheezed. Her husband scurried about the room looking for some cups as he prepared chai over a small mound of hot coals. He reached his hands, covered with dirt and callouses into a tub and retrieved some cups from the dirty brown water. He wiped his hands around in the cups in a gesture of trying to clean them for us and then poured the hot liquid. I smiled and sipped the chai.

The woman's dark skinned face was etched with worry as she told me of her child's illness and showed me the medicine bottles that had taken their last rupees. Despite their sacrifices the child was not getting better. I told them about the God who loved them, who died for them and who answered prayer. After a few moments the woman stepped across the small room and laid her little girl in my arms. As she looked at me I could see sparks of hope trying to flicker in her eyes. Hope that this God I spoke of would help her baby live.



The little girl had been crying and coughing but as I held her in my arms the crying stopped. Her big brown eyes were filled with wonder as she looked at me intently. I began to softly pray in the Spirit. As I did so, she began to smile and then the smile turned into a laugh. Her laughter changed the atmosphere. The darkness began to become light. Hope and faith were being stirred. I sat holding the baby for some time continuing to pray softly and then handed her back to her mother. The baby once again nestled against her chest, this time no wheezing, coughing or crying as she slipped into a peaceful sleep.

I am still amazed that the mountains of North India are covered with thousands of villages filled with people who have never heard of the God who died for them. They continue to sit in darkness until someone goes...until someone is sent to turn on the lights.

This story of the little girl being healed is only one example of the light shining in the darkness...we must continue to go back again and again...there are thousands more to get to. Jesus said, "Go" ...and may we never stop going. Thank you to all of you who pray and give to send us into this darkness...we pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly in us and through us as we continue to go and bring the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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## HEADING BACK TO THE MOUNTAINS



Our next trip to North India begins March 21st. For 5 weeks we will be conducting pastor conferences, doing house visits, trekking mountain villages, prayer walking temples and drinking endless supplies of chai. Please pray for us to have strength, endurance and carry a spirit of breakthrough everywhere we go as God uses us to advance His Kingdom. Funds are still needed for this trip, including scholarships for our India team to travel to remote places.

## PRAYER JOURNEY TO INDIA AND THAILAND THIS SUMMER – COME GET SOME DUST ON YOUR BOOTS!

Beginning June 21 we will be going back to Kashmir for a 7 day prayer journey. God has given my friend Mark Geppert a vision of establishing a House of Prayer in all 10 districts of Kashmir. He has asked me to bring a prayer team to pray through this region to help break things open for this vision to be fulfilled.



From there we will be going into Thailand where a missionary friend has requested me to bring a prayer team. After more than 100 years of missions in this all Buddhist nation they have yet to see a major breakthrough of church growth that transforms a region. For 12 days we will prayer walk spiritual power points and finish off the last few days with non-stop prayer and worship to experience heaven touching earth.

We are asking God to assemble a powerful team of intercessors to go into this nation and bring spiritual breakthrough. If this is something that stirs your heart to be a part of and would like to join our team please contact us. You are welcome for all or part of the trip. This is your chance to be a part of changing the history of a nation.

### CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- Scholarships for Indian missionaries who will be joining our team on the Mar/Apr trip (approx. \$1500 is needed to cover transportation, food and lodging overall)
- Funds to purchase 300 copies of The Shepherd's Staff training manual for pastors/leaders (\$1500 is needed)
- \$2000 is needed to cover the 8 pastors conferences
- Transportation for pastors including motorcycles (\$1,000 ea) and bicycles (\$85ea) is a continued need, but we are hoping to provide 4 motorcycles to pastors on this coming trip.
- Monthly support or gift of any amount to 5 Rivers for continued ministry growth and ability to help with needs as they arise on the field.

### PLEASE PRAY...

- Pray for God to pour out His Spirit during the 8 Pastor conferences we will be conducting in North India.
- Pray the pastors and leaders will be strengthened, encouraged and set on fire to multiply.
- Pray that the pastor and leaders will humble themselves, work in love and unity and manifest Godly character.
- Pray for God to open many opportunities to minister to those who have never heard the Gospel during our 8 days of trekking unreached mountain villages.
- Pray for our safety and health throughout this trip.
- Pray that God will use us as we go on a prayer journey into a new region and that He will give us revelation and divine appointments as we go.

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