



Releasing the Presence and Knowledge of Jesus Christ among unreached people groups of South Asia

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## REDEEMED!

During my recent trip to India, my first in more than two years, I had the opportunity to return to a village that I had ministered in the summer of 2019. It was just a short visit for a few hours but it was good to be back and see how the ministry had grown since our last visit.

They told me how a man that had been blind could now see and how a woman who was crippled had been healed during our last visit. Because of these miracles the church was growing by leaps and bounds. I was so encouraged to see what God was doing in this remote place of North India.

Then they brought a man to me. He was very small in stature but it turned out that he has a very big God. "Do you remember this man?" The pastor asked. "No, I'm sorry I don't." I replied. I have prayed over thousands of people and to be honest there are many of them I just don't remember. "When you were here last we visited this man in his home. He was dying of AIDS and you prayed for him. God healed him and he was able to get his job back," said the pastor.

Then they introduced me to the woman standing next to him. "After he was healed he was married to this woman. She used to be a homeless street beggar. He brought her to Jesus and they were married about a year ago," the pastor explained.

What an amazing story of how good our Jesus is! A dying man was redeemed. His job was redeemed. A homeless street beggar was redeemed. And now they are living their lives glorifying the One who redeemed them.

I just shake my head at the love and power of God...and I still wish I could remember praying for that guy!

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

They said it was a road but I didn't believe them. I just hung on tight as the little car bounced and rocked along the tight turns of the mountain path. Then, as we came over the rise I saw it. After more than two years I was back in my mountain village high up in the Himalayas. It was here that we began our sheep project in this little village of Muslims more than 4 years ago. I had kept in touch with our "man of peace" and had consistent updates but it felt so good to have my boots back on the ground and see all of my old friends again.



That evening we sat on the floor in the home of one of the shepherds drinking chai and chatting with some of the men. I began asking them about the sheep. "Do they only recognize your voice and no one else?" They nodded yes emphatically. They began to tell me how many herds of sheep will gather in the mountain meadows but when it is time to go the sheep will separate and only follow the voice of their personal shepherd. "In fact," they said, "we can recognize every one of our sheep by face. We personally know every sheep."

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“If the sheep are in danger will you fight to defend them?” I asked. They all began to laugh and look at one of the shepherds. He raised his hand full of scars. He had actually fought a snow leopard who had tried to take one of his sheep. Armed only with a knife the man fought the leopard and rescued the sheep. That night we had the most wonderful time as I used their stories to tell of Jesus who is our Good Shepherd. How His sheep know His voice. How He knows each one personally and how He actually did lay His life down for his sheep.

The next morning my friend came to me and said he had arranged for me to visit several homes of the shepherds and pray for them and their families. (I am still amazed that this Muslim man takes me all over to pray for people in the name of Jesus!) We sat on the floor Indian style sipping our chai and I asked my friend if I could tell a story before we prayed. There were three shepherds and some family members in the room. I began to tell my testimony while my friend translated. I was able to share my miracle story and tell them all about Jesus. I believe it was the first time in history that the gospel of Christ had been proclaimed in this village.

As I ended, the presence of God filled the room, and I could not help but notice the tears in my friend’s eyes as he jumped up and rushed out of the room to wipe them in private. In fact, during the next two days there were several times my friend would cry as I spoke with him about the love of the Father and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Please pray that Jesus would make Himself fully known to my Muslim friend. During covid he lost his business and had to sell his sheep and horse to make ends meet. When I go back in October, we will be able to help him purchase thirty sheep and expand our sheep project. It is so wonderful to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way by doing this. It makes a huge difference in the life of my friend. Next trip I will be attending a wedding in my little village. Please pray that God will give me many opportunities to share stories about Jesus and His great love for them.

## OUR FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

Congratulations to our first graduating class of ISOM in North India (many more to come)! I had the distinct honor to be there and speak at the graduation and hand out the diplomas for our first group of graduates.

In one house church network we already have more than 1800 students who have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester and hundreds more being added almost daily. The Word of God is going forward and people are being trained to be church planters and move in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for using this tool to change a nation!



## READY TO RETURN

This past trip was so filled with the presence of the Lord everywhere we went, and the God-ordained appointments are too numerous to count...one of the most productive trips we’ve ever had. In just a few weeks, we get to do it AGAIN! So excited to return with two of my good friends, Karl and Kenda. Northern India will never be the same! We are blessed to attend the wedding of one of our shepherds in the village and spend time with our Muslim friends, participate in another ISOM graduation, and pray in several states as we travel and release the presence of God during 3 weeks in October. We appreciate your prayers!

## PLEASE PRAY...

- For divine health for Dan and the team as they prepare to leave for India Oct 3, for Psalm 91 protection over them as they travel and minister in India and that there will be breakthrough in every area they visit.
- For unity amongst the Christians as they suffer increased persecution.
- That anti conversion bills trying to be passed will fail.
- For the ISOM training to continue to grow and multiply throughout India.
- That many leaders will be trained and released into fruitful ministry through ISOM.

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