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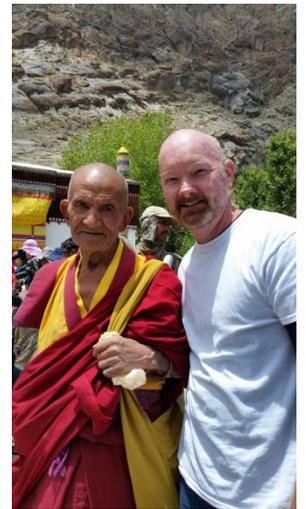
EXPANDING TERRITORY

“Your team coming here is like a hurricane or an atom bomb going off. Your team has been a powerful force bringing the presence of God and changing things.” Our new friend “Ruth” was giving us her impression of our visit to northeastern Kashmir, a place “no one wants to come to.” In this primarily Buddhist area with less than 300 Christians we were able to minister in a Moravian church that is over 150 years old. During the Sunday service the presence of God came sweeping through the room. People began to weep, wail and cry out to God in intercession. Once again, we stood, not moving, not speaking...just watching God do what no man could do. Then there were many healings and deliverances as Jesus came to visit His people.



This was our last stop on an 18 day prayer journey beginning in Punjab, continuing to Jammu, Srinagar and then across Kashmir to Leh Ladakh. We ministered in local churches, prayer walked many Hindu and Buddhist temples, Muslim Mosques, and several Hindu high places. Each place we went, we carried God’s presence. In one Hindu temple representing 33 million gods a Hindu priest actually bowed his head as I prayed in the Spirit. We also made many house visits praying with and encouraging believers.

Traveling with us were some dear Indian friends who have a large ministry of over 25,000 house churches in central India. It was our prayer that God would give them a vision and burden to expand their ministry into the north where there is less than 2% Christian population...and that is exactly what God did. My friends and I spent many hours praying, talking about vision and strategy to work together in the north. The Lord is expanding His territory!



On our next trip 5 Rivers will conduct Leadership Conferences in 6 cities, releasing the presence of God and bringing unity to the pastors. Then our friend will come 3weeks later and work with these same pastors conducting a conference on church planting and multiplication. He will work to train and equip them to expand their ministries and to plant multiple house churches. We rejoice that God is expanding this brother’s ministry where it is desperately needed. A ministry not led by Westerners but by Indians who can have the greatest impact among their own people.

While in northern Kashmir, we ministered with a pastor in an area that is 99.9% Muslim. In a population of 1.3 million they estimate there are less than 400 Christians. There has been great persecution in this area. Pastors have been beaten, western missionaries driven out, churches have been burned and Christian schools have been shut down. It is a very difficult place to be a Christian. It is in this area that we have been invited to return to conduct revival services. All of the Christians in this area will be invited to gather for a 3-day conference. It is our prayer that God will pour out His Spirit during this time. We pray that the people will receive new courage, faith, victory and hope for the future. This conference will be later in October. We especially feel that this time in Kashmir is very strategic and are asking for even more intercessors to commit to pray for us during this time. Would you consider being one of them? Please contact us for more details.

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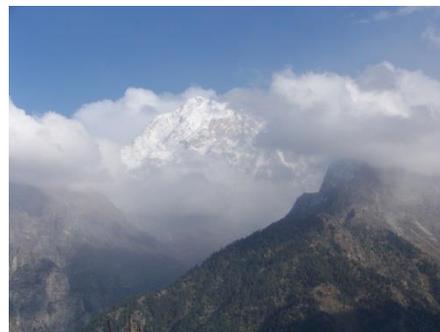
We are now busily preparing for our upcoming trip to north India, Aug 22-Sep 9. I will leave a week earlier. We will join a team of 7 from India and will travel to six cities in the Himalaya mountains, conducting Leadership conferences and making house visits.



The purpose of these conferences is not to teach strategy or methods on how to do their ministry better (God forbid!) but our only purpose is to bring a visitation of God's presence through the Word, worship and intercession. The leaders experience brokenness and repentance. Their vision is changed from building their own ministry to coming into unity to build the Kingdom of God. It is our prayer that God will set a fire in each of these cities...revival fire...a fire that will not go out and will continue to spread through North India.

Last year we conducted four of these conferences and now the word has spread. Many more pastors want to participate and are asking us to come to their region. And now, because of what they saw God do last year, their faith level is very high. There is great anticipation for a visitation of God.

Then in October, I will participate in a missions event in Hong Kong. This event is hosted by SEAPC where they gather leaders from all over South East Asia for a 4-day conference to pray, network, and rejoice in the great things God is doing in Asia. Then on to Tibet, Nepal and India to pray with Mark Geppert and his "A-team" at the Kailash mountains. These 7 mountains are the high places of the Shiva/Vishnu stronghold over all Hindus and Buddhists and represent spiritual bondage for more than 3 billion people. It is very strategic for us to go to these high places to pray.



We will finish up the trip in northern Kashmir, at the invitation of a local pastor (see end of article "Expanding Territory"). Whew. We sure need your prayers! As you pray for us, you are actually joining our team on these journeys as we continue to advance the Kingdom throughout Asia. Thank you for partnering with us. We'd love if you'd let us know you are praying and we can give you more details. Financial needs for these trips are listed below.

PRAY!!!

- For protection while traveling August 14-September 9. Planes, trains, cars and even a couple donkeys carrying our luggage.
- For a great move of God in our tour guide's home village. This is a very remote mountain village where there is not one Christian.
- For God to pour out His Spirit releasing revival in all 6 cities we visit.
- For the small businesses we have helped jumpstart to continue to prosper.
- For the persecuted Christians in North India.

CURRENT GIVING OPPORTUNITES

There are always opportunities to give to needs in India via 5 Rivers, and as you can imagine, "going" costs money as well. Some of the current needs for the August trip are:

- \$1000.00 to build a chicken farm (small business investment)
- \$1000.00 to build a Trout farm (small business investment)
- \$1500.00 to purchase a motorcycle for pastor in remote area
- \$2100.00 to cover food, lodging and transportation for our Indian team
- \$1800.00 to cover all the expenses for conferences and ministry in 6 cities

*Funds towards the Asia High Places prayer journey and the Kashmir 3-day conference are also needed by early Sept.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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