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Sunday night, a remote town in India, black and white television, a channel belonging to a neighboring state (not even local), telecasting Star Trek - a voice-over booming "These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise, to explore strange new worlds; to seek out new life and new civilizations; to boldly go where no man has gone before!" We, the kids watched in rapt attention, absolutely mesmerized, as dashing Captain Kirk, boldly led his team through various adventures, far and wild. "To go where no man has gone before" - the idea of a thrilling world beyond what we could see and experience, felt both scary and super exciting!!

This edition of Apostolic Acts brings you news and testimonies from places far and wide, places seemingly unreachable, and of men and women propelled by the love of Jesus - these are the Captain Kirk's of our days, paving new routes, trailblazing and charting into strange territories ruled by demons and satanic strongholds. We bring you news of faithful people and an even more faithful God who raises people from near dead and deathly situations, a God who impacts young boys and girls through junior church, prepping them with wisdom they will need for times such as these.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10 beckons us, the Holy Spirit prompts us and the days that we live in, strongly compel us, to bring Him our ALL. As Pr. Alias shares the vision of the TAMI leaders in his "Reaching the Unreached", we are acutely aware that we can no longer stay cozy and comfortable in our secluded zones. A famous quote has never been more applicable "If not us, then who; if not now, when?". A starving and degenerating world awaits Captain Kirks, unafraid to venture into new domains and terrains, loaded with manna from heaven and equipped with hope for eternal salvation.



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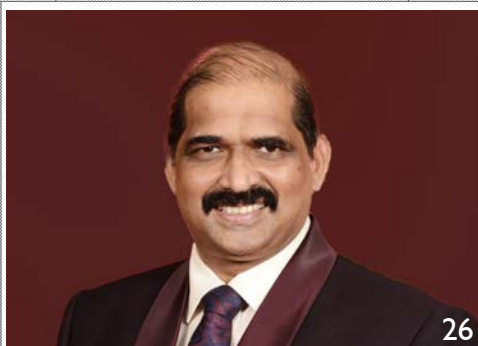
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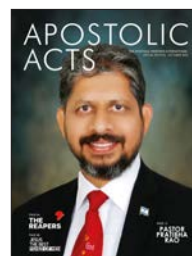
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# THE REAPERS

BY ANISON SAMUEL

I was given a dream sometime back highlighting the scene of the harvest recorded in the 14th chapter of the book of Revelation. We see two harvests: a grain harvest and a grape harvest. They point to the end of the age and the harvesting of souls, both saved and unsaved. The unsaved will face a fierce judgment of God.

It is important to notice that it is called the harvest of the Son of Man. He is the one holding the sickle. It will be a harvest which, in God's time, will usher in the end of the age and commence the eternal destinations for both the righteous and the ones who have rejected Christ. Jesus spoke about it in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

However, our Lord also spoke about another harvest which is in the present time. Unlike the angels being dispatched for the harvest at the end of the age, this harvest will be gathered by mortal labourers, His body of believers saved by grace.

Let's glean some important lessons from these messages of harvest even as we recognize our ministry's role in this agenda of heaven.







## The scope of the harvest

In Matthew 13:38, Jesus declared that the field is the world and to showcase this truth He instructed His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations. In his discourse on the end times, Jesus stated that His angels will gather the harvest from the four winds of the earth. It is clear that the scope of this harvest is the whole world.

## The tool for the harvest - the sickle

Revelation 14:14 emphasizes the sickle. It is called "His sickle". John's vision of the end time harvest, coupled with Jesus' message of harvest and labourers (Matthew 9:38), gives us the sense that the 'sickle' are the evangelists of the gospel. The impetus for their action is seen in the Greek word 'ekballo'. In Matthew 9:38 'ekballo' is translated as 'send forth'. In Revelation 14:16 it is translated as 'thrust'. The emphasis is on the sovereignty of the user wielding the sickle according to His autonomy and power.

Allow me to paraphrase a prophetic word that the Lord gave me in this regard.

This translation of the word 'ekballo' is a domesticated version of the truth God is communicating. It is the same word Jesus used when He spoke of casting out demons. Ekballo means 'thrust them', like thrusting the sickle. There is a force behind it. God will use you as His sickle. Do you want to be His sickle? He will force you upon people. Soon there will be an end time harvest with angels using sickles but, in the meantime, God is sending out the ones who have been washed in the blood. They will be thrust. God will throw some people into the harvest. Sickles are coming out of this ministry and being thrust, forcefully.

In this chapter of Revelation the sharpness of the sickle is noted at least five times. The employer of this sickle is looking for the ones who are sharp in the hands of the Spirit of God. These are people who are ready in season and out of season. They are not rusted.



## A strong warning

Almost all the teachings of Jesus about sowing and harvest have an undeniable warning given to the mixing of seeds and tares. In Matthew 13 there is a sense of horror and shock when the labourers exclaim, "Where did this tare come from?". The reply of the master is even more saddening. He responded in a nonchalant manner, "The enemy did it."

My heart sank for a moment when I realized the gravity of doing all the hard work to see a harvest of souls and at the brink of evaluation, with eternal consequences, to find that we allowed the enemy to sow tares. The tares will grow as much as the good seed. Let us seek the Lord to see that we do not allow a false

gospel to enter our stream of labour for the Lord. Any gospel that seems to present an insufficiency of the gospel is a false gospel. Any gospel that begs for addition to the finished work of Jesus on the cross is a perverted gospel. A gospel that removes grace and reliance on the Holy Spirit for righteous living is an anathema, a curse.

Let the pure gospel, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be the anthem of our ministry! I see TAMI as a sickle in the hands of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is swinging it across nations for the salvation of millions.

# JESUS THE BEST FISHER OF MEN

BY BERNARD BLESSING



**// Follow Me, and  
I will make  
you fishers of  
men."**

**(Matthew 4:19 NKJV)**

In the heart of the New Testament, we find a compelling narrative that illustrates not just the miracles and teachings of Jesus, but also His remarkable ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Often referred to as the "Fisher of Men," Jesus didn't merely preach; He sought out individuals, casting His net of love and compassion to draw them into a transformative relationship with God. As followers of Jesus we are supposed to imitate Him (1 Corinthians 11:1) So how do we become fisher of men like Jesus who was the Best Fisher of Men?



### How to Become Fisher of Men?

- 1) Go where the people are: Do not try to fish for people from within the church but rather go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)
- 2) Be ready to invite people home for a meal: Use this as a means to introduce them to Christ.
- 3) Hospital visit: You could either go alone or with a group at a set time to show sick people the way of truth and that Jesus is the source of their healing.
- 4) Intentionally position yourself at an open place to introduce others to Christ: Find a place where people naturally gather; when you are in these places, smile and be friendly; start casual conversations; listen carefully; look for opportunities to share the gospel of Christ; invite them to join you for a church meeting and follow up.

It is important to note that the above are not the only ways to bring people to Christ. Know your strengths and use them as a platform to draw people to Christ.

Regardless of the method you use to draw them to Christ, you must be aware that there are certain mindsets people have, which hinder them from receiving the gospel of Christ. These mindsets are strongholds of the enemy and if they are not dealt with wisdom and tact, instead of gaining souls, you will be pushing them away. Some of the mindsets are as follows:

- 1) "I will change before I receive Christ": The person needs to realize that they have no power of their own to change themselves. True change begins with a relationship with Christ. When we accept Him and receive the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to become a new creation. This divine intervention enables us to grow and change from the inside out. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold,

the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) The person must understand that righteousness cannot be attained by their own works and that JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY.

2) “I am too sinful to be saved”:

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. (Isaiah 1:18) Many people struggle with the belief that their sins are too great for God’s forgiveness. This mindset can create a stronghold that keeps them from accepting God’s love and grace. It leads to feelings of hopelessness and isolation, making them feel unworthy of salvation.

“For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mark 2:17)

This verse emphasizes that Jesus came specifically for those who recognize their need for salvation. It highlights God’s desire to forgive and restore everyone, regardless of their past. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace (Ephesians 1:7)

3) “I have been doing good things careful not to hurt anybody”:

The attitude of believing that doing good things and not hurting others is enough for salvation, can create a stronghold of self-righteousness. This mindset leads people to trust in their own actions rather than in God’s grace. It can make them feel morally superior and blind to their need for a Savior. The truth is that no one can earn salvation through good deeds.

“For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.” (Romans 3:28)

This verse clarifies that justification—being made right with God—comes through faith in Christ, not by our own efforts. It emphasizes that we cannot earn our way into heaven by being “good.” God’s standard is perfection, and even the best among us fall short. Recognizing this helps us understand our need for God’s grace and the sacrifice of Jesus.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

This verse highlights that every person, regardless of their good deeds, has sinned and needs God’s forgiveness. It must remind the person that no one can be righteous on their own. True salvation comes only through faith in Jesus, who paid the price for our sins.

4) “I do not feel ready now”:

The attitude of feeling unready to take action means postponing important decisions and growth. This can lead to missed opportunities and a spiritual life that will never reach its full potential, allowing fear and uncertainty to rule. The truth is that we may never feel fully ready or equipped on our own. God calls us to trust Him and step out in faith, regardless of our feelings. His grace and not our own efforts, brings about change.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

This verse shows that Jesus invites those who feel overwhelmed or unworthy to come to Him. It emphasizes that we do not need to be perfect; we just need to be willing to come as we are. God’s love is unconditional, and He welcomes us regardless of our current state.

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

This verse illustrates that Christ's sacrifice was made for us even when we were unworthy.

- 5) "I have been hurt many times by Christians, Churches and Pastors":

The attitude of feeling hurt by Christians, churches, or pastors can create a stronghold of bitterness and distrust. This mindset can lead individuals to withdraw from faith communities, preventing them from experiencing the love and support that God intends for them. It can also create a barrier between them and God.

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)

This verse must encourage the listener to practice forgiveness, just as God forgives us. It must remind us that while hurt may come from others, holding onto that hurt can block our own healing and spiritual growth.

- 6) "I was born into the church – I am a Christian by birth":

This mindset can lead individuals to think they do not need a personal relationship with Christ or that their upbringing alone guarantees their salvation.

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:12-13)  
This verse highlights that becoming a child of God is not based on birth or family but on

receiving Christ. It emphasizes the necessity of a personal decision to believe and accept Him. The hearer must understand that the belief that being born into the church makes one a Christian is a stronghold that can lead to complacency and a lack of personal faith. They must know the truth that each individual must choose to accept Christ and cultivate their relationship with Him in order to really be saved.

The negative mindsets mentioned above are not the only ones; there are still more. In order to understand more negative mindsets of people that hinder them from receiving the gospel of Christ, one must spend time in the presence of God to be able to obtain wisdom regarding this topic.

In closing, as we reflect on the profound truth that Jesus is the ultimate "fisher of men," let us be mindful of the strongholds that can keep us and others from fully embracing His love. By recognizing these barriers and actively seeking to overcome them, we can play a vital role in drawing others to Christ. Let us approach our mission with compassion and grace, remembering that transformation is always possible through Him. As you go forth, I encourage you to be bold in your faith, share your testimony, and invite others into the life-changing relationship with Jesus. May we all strive to be instruments of His love and light in a world that so desperately needs it.

# Reaching the Unreached

BY ALIAS JACOB

Have you ever wondered what would happen if the Lord Jesus Christ returned to the earth or if the world ended today? There are over 8.2 billion human beings living on earth today. How many of them are saved and will have eternal life? How many have had a chance to hear the good news of the Kingdom of God? Over 17% of those people have never had an opportunity to hear the good news of the Kingdom of God even once in their lifetime. Only about one third, call themselves Christians, nominally. Approximately two thirds are reached but not saved and as yet 17% of the world population is estimated to be unreached.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

Who are the “unreached” people?

Unreached people are not people who do not believe in the gospel but those who have had no opportunity to hear the gospel at all. They have never had a chance because they do not know anyone who has a personal relationship with Jesus. They have never had a Christian live nearby to preach the good news of Christ to them or whose life they could observe. In most instances there is no church, no Bible, no way of hearing about the love of God and His redeeming work through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

To better understand those who are considered reached and those who are not, we can divide the 8.2 billion human beings of the world into four segments:

**455 Unreached People groups  
each over 1,000,000 in population**



1. Reached and Saved - These are Christians who believe in the Bible as God's Word and have received by faith, Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
2. Reached but not Saved - They have some knowledge of the gospel but have not accepted Jesus as their saviour. They are “Christians” by tradition rather than by conviction. They have access to the gospel – it is all around them – without believing it.
3. Under-reached and Unserved - They have never heard a clear presentation of the gospel, although it is nearby. They have some access to the gospel through various means, such as a nearby believer, through media, or the internet, but it is insufficient.
4. Unreached and Unserved - They have no witnessing community within their people group or in their geographic area – and hence sadly, no access to the gospel. They have no opportunity to hear, no chance to believe in Jesus.

#### Countries with Greatest Number of Unreached people groups (UPGs)

India	2,139	1,326,000,000	95.6%
Pakistan	820	222,000,000	99.1%
China	443	143,000,000	10.1%
Bangladesh	276	164,000,000	99.0%
Nepal	263	27,000,000	90.3%

#### Status of World Evangelization 2024

##### People Groups 17,300

Unreached\* People Groups  
**7,250 [41.9%]**

Population in unreached groups  
**3,400,000,000 [42.2%]**

Reached people groups  
**58.1%**

Unreached\*  
**41.9%**

##### Individuals 8,020,000,000 (8.02 billion)

Christian Followers  
**11% - 0.93 billion**

Nominal Christian  
**21% - 1.6 billion**

Heard and not responded  
**40% - 3.22 billion**

Virtually no exposure  
**28%**

##### Languages 7,397

Complete Bible **10%**

No scripture translation  
needed **18%**

New Testament **23%**

Low language viability **17%**

Portions or translation  
underway **32%**

### How many nations are there in this world?

"The nations" language in the Bible is too strong to ignore. Matthew 28:19-20 culminates with an emphasis on "discipling the nations" but Genesis 12 foreshadows the blessing of the one nation to the many. This thread is the narrative upon which redemptive history is based. "Nations" means ethnic groups. According to Joshua Project, there are approximately 17,446 unique people groups in the world with 7,391 of them considered unreached – that makes it about 42% of the world's population.

### The Reached can reach the Unreached

We have already established that an unreached people group is a people group within which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians able to evangelize to them. We estimate a criteria for unreached as less than 2% true Christ-followers and less than 5% professing Christian (this includes all forms of Christianity i.e. anyone that would call themselves a "Christian.") While these percentage figures are somewhat arbitrary, we should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a vision of a just and gentle world. We are the salt of the world and we should not lose the flavor – to reach the unreached. The quality of a whole culture may be changed when two to three percent of its people have a new vision."

### Startling Findings

Here are some of the startling findings:

- Only about 10% of Muslims in Asia personally know a Christian, whereas about 70% of Muslims in North America know a Christian.
- Possibly only about 15% of all Muslims worldwide know a Christian personally.
- Asia is the most isolated continent, with less than 20% of the more than 4.5 billion people claiming to know a Christian.
- 87% of all Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists have limited, if any, contact with a Christian.
- Consider for example the 135,000,000 unreached Shaikh of Bangladesh, the 59,000,000 unreached

Brahmins and 58,000,000 unreached Yadavs of India or the 37,000,000 unreached Java Pesisir Lor of Indonesia - most of the individuals in these groups and thousands of other unreached people groups are completely ignorant of Jesus, the Saviour who died and rose again 2000 years back in Israel.

### God's Vision

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7:9-10

How will people from all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues stand before the throne, if we do not take some action to ensure that they receive the gospel at least once in their lifetime?

### Some Challenges

#### 1. Laborers are few

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Matthew 9:37

Only one in thirty missionaries ever go to an unreached area or nation of the world. Missionaries are usually traveling from a reached area to another reached area. This has to change.

#### 2. Resources are mismanaged

Only 1% of all christian giving (tithes and offering) are going to send missionaries and plant churches in unreached areas.

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

Luke 16:10-11

You and I can make a difference. We shall send more laborers and manage more resources to reach the unreached. This is my hope and prayer for you.



# PASTOR PRATIBHA RAO

Pr. Ajaysunanda Pratibha Rao Karem was born to Karem Anastasa Rao and Karem Yesudayamma in Andhra Pradesh, India on 6th June 1968. He hailed from a Roman Catholic family; his father served in the Indian Army for 18 years before settling in the town of Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh after retirement.

He completed his Bachelor of Arts at Guntur J.K.C. College and his B.Th. at Spicer Memorial College, and went on to preach the gospel of salvation with great fervor and zeal in many states across India. In 1996, he moved to the UAE, where he secured a job that offered him a generous salary; it was also the year he was filled with the Holy Spirit.



In 1997, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, he left his job to pursue full-time ministry, knowing that ministering in the UAE—a Muslim country—was a risky endeavor; yet, despite the challenges, he preached the gospel with great courage, particularly in areas where the gospel had not yet been reached and where people faced significant hardships.

From 1998 to 1999, Pr. Rao, Pr. Alias, Pr. Joe, and Sister Annie attended Filipus Academy in Sweden to pursue a course together. Following this, from 1999 to 2001, Pr. Rao and Pr. Alias engaged in camp ministry in Abu Dhabi. On April 27, 2001, TAMI was founded, and in 2002, Pr. Rao joined the core team of TAMI, working alongside Pr. Anison K Samuel (President) and Pr. Alias Jacob (Vice President) as a board member.





In 2003, both Pr. Alias and Pr. Rao attended the first Bible school in Zanzibar, Africa. From 2003 to 2024, Pr. Rao was actively involved in every Bible school conducted in Africa, contributing significantly to the growth and outreach of the ministry.

During this impactful period, on December 6th, 2008, Pr. Rao married Reenya Esther, and God has blessed them with a son, John Rao, and daughters, Kirtana, Esther and Deborah Joanne.

The Lord continually used Pr. Rao and his wife, Pr. Reenya, mightily for the expansion of His Kingdom. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they were impactful in both word and action. By God's grace, Pr. Rao trained over 8,000 disciples from 32 countries as ordained ministers of the Gospel. During this time, 1,000 congregations were established globally, including in the UAE, Pakistan, and Africa, where they initiated orphanages, Bible schools, and prison services. These ministries continue to thrive through the grace of the Lord Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.





Pr. Rao has visited 42 countries worldwide as part of TAMI, including 17 across the African continent—namely Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Mozambique, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Morocco, and Egypt. He has also traveled to 5 nations in the Middle East: the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman. Additionally, he has engaged with 20 countries in Asia, including Turkey, Iran, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Palestine, Jordan, Israel, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Bhutan, Myanmar, the Maldives, and Bangladesh. These journeys have allowed him to foster connections and support for TAMI’s global ministry, enhancing the outreach and impact of the established congregations, ensuring that the light of the Gospel expels all darkness in the nations he visits, all for the glory of Jesus Christ.



One remarkable experience led Pr. Rao into the forests of the Andamans, where he preached the Gospel for many days to a tribe that spoke a different language. This tribe, known for their practices of exhuming corpses and engaging in magic, received the message of salvation despite the challenges.



Additionally, Pr. Rao faced persecution, having been imprisoned twice in the Gulf and in Azerbaijan, a neighboring country to Russia. Each time, he was saved from punishment by the grace of Jesus, demonstrating the power of faith in overcoming adversity, because the hand and favor of God were with him.

He is traveling across the world with a powerful vision and anointing, boldly preaching the Gospel and bringing hope to the lost. With unwavering faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he inspires others to embrace the transformative message of Christ. May all glory, praise, and honor be given to the name of the Lord Jesus, now and forevermore. Amen.

## Heart for the Unreached

Testimony by Ronald Ross

God told me "I will take you to nations". I did not know why and when that would happen, but I knew someday it would surely come to pass.

In 2023, I met missionary Dr. Prathiba Rao in a gospel meeting. As he shared the word, he started speaking about his experiences while doing missions in Middle East, African countries and few other countries in Asia. I had heard about many missionaries and read many books but for the first I was seeing someone who was alive and doing the missions work. I got an opportunity to drive him back to his place and still remember him holding a water bottle that had a world map printed on it - "Young dynamite Pastor Ross". Dr. Rao said, "I'm holding nations in my hand - even God has given you that heart - Where do you want to go?". That word still stirs me up even today.

This year in 2024, God said to me, "I am taking you out". In the month of April, I got my first opportunity to visit Kenya for a missions trip with Dr. Rao and the Tami team. I thought we would be put up in a good hotel and we would be going to some well equipped churches - I was so happy and excited about it. These days many people do this same and call it "missions". But things are totally different - "expectation vs reality". We drove to a place called Itganga where the Tami head quarters for Kenya is located and met a man of God, Bishop John Vuvera. We were a team of eight, packed in small van, not even a place to stretch our leg. Finally we reached and received a warm welcome from the Vuvera family. We entered the house - no fan no air conditioner, no proper electricity, nothing! Food was amazing, not at all easy - being a South Indian for the first time, I was eating boiled food without spice.



Dr. Rao had brought along a big baggage that had a pressure cooker, rice, groceries, plates, table cloths, dates from UAE, biscuits and snacks and some vessels - I was shocked to see his heart to serve. First lesson in missions that I learnt was to come prepared and to serve! Dr. Rao did not bring anything for himself - he was only concerned about the team and the Kenyan family. Everyday Dr. Rao and I took turns to cook.

We were sent as teams to different churches of Tami in Kenya, to see their heart for worship and for God. I was so moved. Even in their extreme poverty, they chose to worship Him and give Him their best. There was nothing fancy like what we have in our modern church, not even a speaker, but there was God's tangible presence.

I fell in love with people over there. We had pastors and leaders meeting with men of God from all corners - it was wonderful to see their passion, especially the early morning glory (prayer) that was so powerful! To listen to their struggles and their hard times was so touching. I saw how Tami was



creating an impact in that nation and building the kingdom of God, supporting pastors and leaders. I was challenged by the bigger steps of faith and obedience to His greater call.

Dr. Rao took us for street ministry, where he started interacting with everyone, calling them mama, brother, friend, hugging them and praying for them singing songs, celebrating the presence of God in the streets boldly, undignified.

I learnt that without LOVE we cannot do anything and nothing will come to life without LOVE. I saw the burden he carried for the lost - I did not see him wasting time, taking a break, worrying about himself - his heart was only for people - giving them JESUS.

After my Kenya trip I went alone to South Africa. My experience in Kenya with Tami and Dr. Rao helped me to see things differently and with different perspectives. I was alone reaching many places but my journey in Kenya helped me to walk more by faith, sharing the word with others. My heart towards people started increasing, and God took me to six nations.

One day I got the shocking news that Dr. Rao was on ventilator - I was broken, collapsed shocked - I booked my tickets to Abu Dhabi, reached the hospital, prayed, worshipped God in the hospital room - to see him bedridden with all machines connected, brought me to tears but the Holy Spirit started ministering to me the truth

"And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, LORD, have not abandoned those who seek You" - Psalm 9:10"

The next day I went to meet Dr. Alias Jacob, a faith General, an apostle. He ignited me as he spoke about the potential of just one person to build the kingdom of God and change nations. He shared from his life about how faithful God had been, and about his burden for the kingdom of God. I was amazed to see how accurate he was about the world and about the data he had gathered on the unreached and how to reach them. He is a legend for me. Looking at his age and his passion for missions, I felt ashamed and repented.

Recently when I went to Nepal, to see how hard things are in that nation, Dr. Elias words came like a blueprint for my life and helped me to sustain in the hard times and still believe for the move of God. Now I am focusing on discipleship, missions, praying how can I reach unreached, encouraging youth in our church to go for missions work!

Always grateful for Dr. Rao and Dr. Alias and Tami for depositing seeds from God's heart into my life! I'm looking for many nations and big things in my India. Thank you!

#### **Pastor Ronald Ross**

Founder & Senior Pastor New Generation Church, Guntur, India



# THE JESUS MODEL – EXTENSION OF JESUS

BY TOMMY LILJA

## HOW TO TAKE STEP ONE!

What would you have done if on a daily basis, you would have 3000 new saved prospects to take care of? Some of you may have referred them to the Church where you were brought up or to the one that you are part of currently. Alternatively, you may have used that Church model you always had wanted to be a part of. But what if you lacked any church experience - what would you have done then; If you did not know what a church looked like ?

On the first Pentecost, 2000 years ago, when the fire of the Holy Spirit “suddenly” filled the upper room and tongues of fire landed on the forehead of everyone who was there, they were driven by the force of the Holy Spirit to preach and testify about Jesus in the streets of Jerusalem, 3000 people got saved!



The revival gave Apostles a nice and beautiful problem. How would they take care of the new converts and make them followers of Jesus? What kind of Church or denomination should they become? Pentecostals, Baptists, Catholics? As a matter of fact, they did not have that choice to make since they did not have the alternatives we have today. There were no churches because this was day the church was born -they were the first church ever.

They had only one point of reference, and that was Jesus. So the question was not what the Charismatics or Lutherans would have done – instead the questions were:

- If Jesus was still with them, what would He have done?
- How would He have taken care of them?
- How would He have trained and developed them?
- What did Jesus do when He trained the 12, the 72 or the 120 who had been waiting in the upper room to be clothed with power from above?

So what did they do? They simply applied the Jesus model on the 3000, the 5000 and later on more than

10 000 new believers in Jerusalem. They did not become a denomination, or a special brand of church - they became the very extension of Jesus! They became the Jesus model! They exemplified how Jesus trained and lived with the disciples. As long as they stuck to the original model, they witnessed growth!

Unfortunately, in the fourth century, things changed, and we still bear the consequences. Catholic Church structure emerged and changed the Jesus Model to the Old Testament Model. The church was divided into three parts. The first part was the Prospects -newly saved believers who had to be approved by the clerics, which could take up to a year at times. Second part was the Baptism Pool; once baptized you were welcomed to this major part of the church. Lastly the third part, that only the priests had access to - the Bishop(and subsequently the Pope), became the mediator between God and man, just like the High Priest in Israel. This is where the revival stopped !

The Emperor of Rome emerged with his legions, and you either bowed and got baptized or lost your life. Even if the revival fire burnt in the outskirts of the church, it died from inside.



## THE JESUS MODEL STILL EXISTS

All around the world, when we see a real, fast growing revival, the Jesus model is alive. One of my assignment in a time as this, it is to provide teaching instructions on how to release the Jesus model. Outwardly it may appear slightly different, but if you look deeper, you will discover that this movement has applied the Jesus model -sometimes on purpose, other times accidentally.

I have learnt that the steps are the same as when Jesus was with us and that you cannot skip over any of the steps.

So what are the steps? The first step it is that it all starts with you! You cannot delegate the foundation. You can delegate a lot, but not this part. You are a role model, this is a spiritual law, you cannot ask others to live or do what you have not done yourself.

Jesus got baptized, because that was part of the foundation, the corner stone. Everyone who would join His Church would have to be baptized, so Jesus did what He wanted His followers to do. He let the Spirit lead Him into the desert - it was not the Devil who called for Him, it was the Spirit who led Him! Once out of the desert Jesus were driven by love to teach, preach, heal and cast out demons. Everything

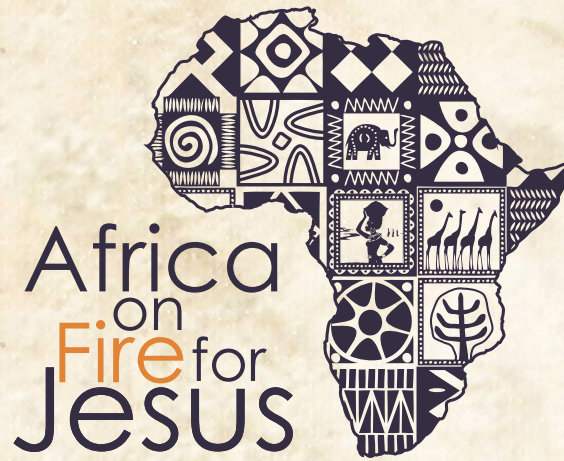




He would demand from His Apostles, He did by the power of the Holy Ghost. That is step number one, do not try to delegate any of things God has called you to do, until you have done it by yourself first.

It's the same with my Global ministry, where we have been successful - I have had to do myself, before asking anyone else to step in and help me. Whether it was the crusades, the churches, writing, hospital work or work in Israel . Yes I have tried at times to give it away, finding excuses, but the truth is whenever I have done that, we have failed. It must come in the right order! I have led myself to first do what the Lord has called me to do, before I can delegate and multiply.

That is what happened on the first Pentecost, actually. The 72 followers had done the Jesus ministry, every part of it. That was why they now could delegate and multiply by training the 3000 to do the same.



...Reaching the unreached  
Training the untrained...

## SIERRA LEONE

BY JOHN PRABAHARAN



Sierra Leone is a blessed nation in the western coast of Africa that was created to settle the returning slaves after slavery was abolished in the whole world. It was initiated by the American and British government authorities in the year 1808, and reconstructed in 1886 to facilitate returning slaves to comfortably enjoy their freedom and the social as well as their cultural rebuilding and development. However this settling in took a long time. Sierra Leone with a population of around, 8 million spreading through a land of 71,000 km<sup>2</sup> has such a severe poverty, which could not be sorted out by any financial agencies of the world.

First major challenge that we happen to see with Sierra Leone is social and traditional issues. The nation is divided into many small people groups. They do not mix with other groups easily, so the divisions are many. Another huge problem is sickness and the addictions. The government agencies have been trying their best to sort out these issues, but they cannot prevail over issues that are rooted in an entire social structure.







One third of the entire population comprises of the youth, without proper training or education to face the challenges and the competitions of the current world. They feel hopeless, with no self-confidence, having no focus. Thirty percent of the entire population includes the hard-working class – in paddy fields mines and other agriculture routines. The entire population is divided into two religious group equally -Christians and Muslims. So far there are no major conflicts on religion. Even the government system is un biased treating both religions with equal respect and honor.

Religious freedom is much appreciated in the land of Sierra Leone, so the Lord took us at the right time into the nation as a team to bring hope to the body of Christ through the bible school conducted for 10 days for thousand individuals in the city of Freetown. The weather was against us as was the spread of Monkeypox and other challenges on drug issues.

The Bible session started from morning nine am going up to evening six, with more than 700 people always present at every session. The Lord's anointing set people free all the 10 days as Prophetic word was released through the Apostles and prophets. Kingdom work is growing rapidly at every level with much sacrifice through the missionaries. Within last 10 years, there has been 10% increase in the number of believers in Christ. If this ratio continues, in another 10 years time, the number of Christians will be the majority of the nation.

Praise the Lord!

The immediate need of the nation is Gospel - Gospel sent with passion and power which can be done through the church and through the chosen vessels of God. If every church is equipped, Sierra Leone will be able to support families in education, in medical needs and in other spiritual support, in 10 years time the nation can be hundred percent a nation of Christ!



# MISSION LOVE INDIA

A MOVE TO TRANSFORM INDIA  
WITH THE LOVE OF GOD

BY SONIYA PAWAR

Love India Mission is dedicated to reaching the unreached villages and tribes across India. Our journey has taken us to nine states, where we spread the gospel, plant churches, and train individuals to embrace a vision of multiplication in church planting.

A core focus of Love India Mission is equipping pastors. In 2024, we conducted an impactful training session in Odisha, Sikkim, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, and Punjab. Over a week, we empowered pastors to venture into remote areas, where they serve as the hands and feet of Christ. Many of these pastors come from backgrounds as farmers and daily wage workers, igniting a movement of church planting in places previously untouched by the gospel.

Our initiatives go beyond spiritual outreach. We've gradually involved and constructed





schools, dug wells as a solution to water scarcity through and the empowered the individuals to share the gospel. Through these efforts, lives are transformed, and communities begins to flourish.

One of the most remarkable events occurred in Odisha, where over 3,000 attendees gathered for a three-day crusade led by passionate youth. The message of salvation through repentance and acceptance of Jesus resonated deeply, resulting in many committing their lives to Christ. Notably, over 120 young individuals, aged 12-25, stepped forward to become missionaries, ready to share the hope of the gospel across India.

In Punjab, we celebrated the fruitful life of a 83-year-old pastor Jagir Masih, who tirelessly serves God conducting five church services every Sunday. His unwavering dedication embodies the spirit of Love India Mission, inspiring others to follow in his footsteps.

There is a rain of revival in these meetings, Gospel is preached, many people are delivered after hearing the gospel. Manifestation of the word of God and ministering of Holy Spirit heals and delivers many from generational curses, bondages and evil soul ties. Kingdom of God is indeed among us is what we have experienced through this Love India mission. It is an astounding and steady move of God and this is our driving force to continue and reach more states, places and people with the gospel in India.

# Apostolic Bible College

Apostolic Bible College (ABC) was established as the educational wing of The Apostolic Ministries International (TAMI) to educate the whole person (Spirit, Soul and Body) through, a Holy Spirit filled God experience in the context of a vibrant Christ-centered teaching that changes lives positively.

The vision of ABC is to be a hybrid blended educational institution with class-room and e-learning capabilities to reach all the mission fields of TAMI and like minded ministries, in the five continents of the world.

The college has structured its courses and modules to equip and prepare students academically, practically, and spiritually to fulfill God's purpose for their lives, for ministry to the Church, and to the world.

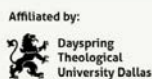
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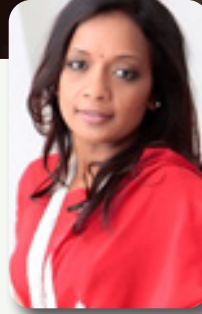
My name is Saritha Devendra. I am a student of ABC who joined in October 2023 for M.Div course. Before joining ABC I went on a mission trip to Liberia in the month

of August 2023. I was so joyful to attend the International school of Discipleship program about healing, deliverance, gifts, identity, sole ties, and forgiveness. It was a beautiful experience of learning, watching the gospel preached in the unreached places, participating in prison ministry and disciplining people to carry the gospel to the interior of the nation - I was immensely blessed.

My first experience on a mission trip turned out to be a great one. By the grace of God and my interest in serving the Lord, I was encouraged to join the bible college in Dubai by Mrs. Annie Alias and supported by Pastor Alias Jacob. I was initially tense wondering if I would be able to finish the course on time. The classes were conducted by Pastor Alias Jacob, Prophet Bernard Blessing, Pastor Gary and Pastor Prathiba Rao and many other leaders. It was very useful in my life. Subjects included The Life of Christ, Discipleship, Character Formation, Missions and Evangelism, Church planting, Challenges on personal evangelism and they really impacted me.

I would like to give special thanks to Pastor Alias and Mrs. Alias who stood by me. Going to mission field, attending the ABC college opened doors of opportunities for me to minister the word of God in different churches in different languages, to preach the gospel in humble meetings, house cells and many others. I have learned one important thing that is more than going to an unreached area, reaching the unreached people is more difficult and sometimes that unreached person can be right next to you or near you. My spiritual pastor Rev. Robert Daniel from Bangalore, India is rejoicing over me, having seen all this support, encouragement and achievements that I have received. I am grateful to God and to everyone who has been a part of my growth journey and the joy of my salvation increases everyday. I am grateful to have started my journey to share the gospel and to go to unreached people.

...Saritha Devendra



I am from a Hindu family, and recently came to know Jesus. I am still the only person from my whole family to know Jesus and now I am praying for my family's salvation - my parents' family members and my husband's family.

In 2010, I was affected by Tuberculosis when I was in London, United Kingdom. I did not have anyone to look after me. I was working as a teacher on a temporary basis and I had to go to work daily or I would not get paid. I was struggling physically and mentally. During that time I used to go to a Hindu temple in London to get some peace of mind and for an evening snack given by the temple. After having seen me visit the temple regularly, the temple priest asked me to donate some money since I was a frequent visitor.

I was quite shocked because I did not have much money to run a family with basic needs - donating anything was out of the question. So I stopped going to the temple and wept my heart out to my Creator - now I did not have any one to talk to, anywhere to go to - I cried many days.

One day someone was preaching at the corner of the road and handing out leaflets about the church in Manor Park, East London. Initially reluctant, one Sunday evening I went to that church. At that time I encountered Jesus. I felt loved by Jesus and started going there regularly. I had an operation and Jesus cured me of Tuberculosis.

I came to Dubai in 2017, looking for a church and one of my neighbors introduced me to Sharjah Apostolic church and to Pastor Alias. I started going there enjoying the enriching messages, growing stronger in Christ every week. I am so thankful to Pastor Alias.

He asked me join the Apostolic Bible college. By this time I wanted to know more and more about Jesus and this was the right time to join the Bible college. These teachings in Apostolic Bible college were like intense counselling to my soul, making me a better person and helped me move closer to Jesus. I feel these are teachings that no one can receive anywhere in the world because each lesson is personalized and heart touching. I gained heart knowledge not head knowledge. I feel blessed to be a student of Apostolic Bible College.

The best part is confidentiality - any information or testimonies anyone shares here, will not be shared without that person's consent. There is a lot of trust between people and this is a one big family in Christ.

...Selvi Mariappan

# Personal Testimony of Spiritual Growth and Marriage prosperity

Dear Pastor Alias and Pastor Annie,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I hope this message finds you both well and thriving in His abundant grace.

I felt led to share a personal testimony of my spiritual growth and the transformation in my marriage, which I believe is intricately being connected to you in my journey as a servant of God.

When I first answered the call to ministry, I was filled with enthusiasm but lacking in understanding of the depth of commitment required. My early years in serving the church were marked by a desire to help others, yet I often neglected my spiritual foundation. I was pouring myself into the work of the ministry but failing to cultivate a personal relationship with God. This imbalance affected not only my spiritual life but also my marriage.

It was not until a time of personal prayer and reflection that I realized the importance of prioritizing my relationship with the Lord. This improved from the time we had a Bible School in June 2022 in Salima. The lessons were profound and I started to study them often, putting them into practice.

I began to dedicate daily time for Scripture reading and prayer, inviting God into every aspect of my life, including my marriage. I discovered that spiritual growth is not a solo endeavor; it requires commitment and openness to His Word and His voice. The lessons on deliverance and healing, faith, love have helped my life and family and church a lot.

As I drew closer to God, I noticed significant changes in my marriage with my beloved spouse. Prayer became a cornerstone of our relationship. We started setting aside time to pray together, seeking God's guidance in both our personal and shared lives. This act has not only drawn us closer to God but also to



each other. We have learned to communicate better than before and even to forgive each other more genuinely, support each other's ministries, and encourage one another through the ups and downs.

Our marriage has blossomed in ways I could never have imagined. We experience deeper intimacy, not only emotionally but spiritually. Challenges that once seemed insurmountable, now serve as opportunities for growth and understanding. We continually strive to honor God through our union, navigating our roles as partners in both life and ministry.

Through this journey of connection with you and TAMI family, I have seen first-hand, the importance of inviting God into our marriages. The love and strength that flows from Him have fortified our relationship and equipped us to serve our church community more effectively.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you both for your guidance, encouragement, and example in faith. Your leadership has been instrumental in shaping my understanding of the role of a pastor and the importance of nurturing one's spiritual life and marriage.

May we all continue to seek the Lord and allow Him to transform our lives and our relationships for His glory.

**Pastor Immanuel Zakumbuyo**  
Malawi, Blantyre



## CARITAS GLOBAL OUTREACH FOUNDATION

Caritas Global Outreach Foundation (CGOF) is a community of men and women committed to helping people break free of lives of destitution and hunger to build futures of security and possibility.

Caritas Global partners with local leaders and organizations to develop a comprehensive plan to eradicate the devastating conditions associated with extreme poverty.

CGOF has been providing aid for and catering to thousands of people across the world. The number of projects supported and proposed for support have grown steadily over the years and CGOF aims to cater to the needs (shelter, rehabilitation, education, health, etc) of the destitute, the weak, the poor, the sick and the oppressed, including women, and children.

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