



Reaching and Serving the Persecuted Church

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“...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 Our Lord did not rebuke His disciples for making *mistakes*, but for *not* having faith. The two things that astonished Him were “little faith” and “great faith.” Faith is not in what Jesus Christ can do, but in Himself. - Oswald Chambers

Paper Gold lands in Africa

“We prayed that the Lord would provide ...” “He did!”

- Ashley Keller

Zambia

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania is the current and hopefully temporary home of the Keller’s C23 shipping container of paper gold. The books, Bibles and curriculum that this much prayed over container holds are like gold to the Africans that **Tim and Ashley Keller** are called to serve. We thank God that the container made its safe journey

from the U.S. shores through Singapore and now safely to the African continent, waiting its overland ride to **Lusaka, Zambia** where Tim will anxiously receive this 2300 cubic red steel baby.



God’s gift to the Keller’s :
new Zambian home

In the eighteen months that Tim and Ashley were in the States having a little baby girl and seeking God’s direction on their C23 project of ultimately sourcing the Zambian educational system with Christian world view curriculum, they lived in the middle of a housing crisis. Not having a home of their own they packed up their lives seventeen times and lived in ten different homes. Ashley stated, “Once we went out of town for a few days, taking all our things with us.” “We prayed that the Lord would provide a place for us to live upon our return.” “He did!”

Always humbly grateful and gloriously thankful for God’s provision Ashley continues, “The Lord taught us that He will always provide what we need...and often in the most creative ways.”

God’s provision of housing for the Zambia phase of their life and ministry came about in a unique God ordained plan. Tim shares, “While in Zambia last year, I met Hannes and Christel, a South African missionary couple working with Pro Cristo in Kabwe. They were planning to build a guesthouse on their property, which they would rent out to fund their ministry projects. We needed a place to stay and they need [ed] renters....” “We are amazed to see how God put the pieces together.”

Tim and Ashley were so excited that God not only provided a place for them to stay, but their new Zambian home would be close to the action and on the same compound with another missionary family who have children that could grow and play with Monica. Also imagine Tim’s comfort knowing that there are multiple set of eyes to



Zambian school boys excited about a quality education

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Introducing...

Paul and Molly Yuvaraj - Chennai, India

Paul was the last. He fought it all the way.

If he gave in, it would mean the loss of all his friends and his way out of the slums. All the family, Mama Yuvaraj first, Papa second and then one by one the brothers and then his sister each let go of their life and submitted to the calling of God to forsake all.

Paul was a bit more stubborn. In the slums of **Chennai, India**, a hot and humid city of 8 million on the southeastern coast touching the Indian Ocean, **Paul Yuvaraj's** (pronounced u-Var-raj) followed the local thugs way of life. The Indian caste system of forced social levels either artificially props you up in a social class that is worshipped or it squashes you down into believing that in a former life you must have committed many wrongs, and thus your destiny is in the faceless slums or worse.

Paul was a soccer player. That was his identity and his way out of the slums. This game gave Paul his reason for living, his friends, his whole social identity, and that was not ok with Mama Yuvaraj.

Mama Yuvaraj is a special lady. She was raised in the Hindu world of 330 million gods and goddesses. Joel reminds us, "...I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other" Joel 2:27. These beings that darken and blind Hindu's worship are false gods, and as Paul now states, evil spirits. Mama was the first to know the God that came to this earth, lived a humble and perfect life and then gave His life for her. Mama's life changed forever, and God used her to bring everyone of the 5 children in the family to Christ, except this stubborn Paul.

"I am ashamed to say this, but my sister would leave the room when I came in because I was so harsh. I even [would] beat her," Paul now shares. "I would wake up with my mother at the foot of my grass [sleeping] mat, crying out for God to save me." "Is she crazy or has she lost her mind, why is she doing this [why can't she leave me alone]?"

The Yuvaraj's, like many other poor who live in the slums, were only able to feed their family once per day. It was not until Mama made a new house rule that Paul at 16 yrs. old began to hear the Spirit's calling. The new rule was, "...no church, then no food." Mama said that she wouldn't feed anyone that didn't go to church. Paul's stomach and its need to visit with the family food, led him to attend his father's church services and it was there, week after week God's alive word sank deep into his lost soul. Paul realized he needed a Savior and asked Jesus to come and control his life.

After Paul attended a local Bible school and while starting his masters program, he accepted the call to co-pastor the little church that dad and mom Yuvaraj had started in their home. India's inner cities are so compacted with the masses of people, that very few inner city churches can exist outside of someone giving up their home. The whole Yuvaraj's family lived in the one room bottom floor, making the hall way a bedroom for the brothers, and donating the upper floor for church people's use. It made for close



Paul & Molly

family relationships that still exist today.

Paul began to preach and disciple the people in his community. Almost immediately the Hindu community revolted against the worship and prayer that emanated from the second floor of the Yuvaraj's home church. In the midst of the persecution and legal attacks, the church built a small concrete water tank, much like a horse watering trough, on the very top of their building. Now the baptism services are on display for all the neighbors to view.

While God was growing Paul into a pastor and church planter in India, he was also preparing a passionate and sold out young lady in Phoenix, Arizona for Kingdom work in

India. **Molly Marriott** went to India as a missionary to help rescue the many baby girls that are regularly killed at birth because they are a financial burden to the parents.

"According to a recent report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) ...[A dowry] system requires the family to pay out a great deal of money when a female child is married." "For a poor family, the birth of a girl child can signal the beginning of financial ruin and extreme hardship." "Diagnostic teams with ultrasound scanners which detect the sex of a child advertise with catch lines such as "spend 600 rupees now and save 50,000 rupees later." Molly's



Papa & Mama Yuvaraj

heart is to help save these babies before they are killed.

A little over two years after they met, and after they finally received complete blessings from both sides of their families, Paul and Molly wed in front of Molly's family and approximately 2500 Indian "neighbors", as is culturally accepted in Chennai. Since then Paul has continued his pastoral, church planting and sports ministry. Molly

ministers to the needy women and children as she works at learning the local Tamil language.

Paul and Molly were introduced to **In Touch Mission International** by our old friend and partner, **Kristi Blanchard**. After spending time with Paul and Molly who are here in the States until about May it became apparent that they are ITMI's kind of people. Their hearts and passion for serving the needy is only matched by their willingness to sacrifice it all to do God's will. The ITMI Board has unanimously accepted Paul and Molly's ministry as our first new project in



Slum Children needing to know Jesus'love

India.

After Paul and Molly being married only a few months, and except for a few pieces of clothing, this couple sold all their earthly belongings so that they could come to the States. They wanted to connect with an accountability organization like ITMI, get Paul some additional leadership training, be an ambassador for the many needy Indian brothers and sisters back home and finally to help Paul understand his beloved wife's culture and up bringing.

That's what you call living by faith.

Since their arrival in the U.S. they have lived by faith each day and followed God's leading and trusted Him to provide lodging, transportation and now prenatal care for the new addition to their family.

With a little help from all of us, we can empower them to touch and make an eternal impact, amidst the intense persecution of the enemy's playground in dark, dark India. Want to make a difference in India? Call me and ask how to help Paul and Molly with anything that the Lord lays on your heart to do. They will use it for HIS glory and HIS good.



Homeless family
Sleeping on the Street

Beloved,

You definitely remember that our Foundation "**Bread of Life**" was challenged by truly dramatic situation. Our resources came to an end and — humanly speaking — we were on the verge of a breakdown. We were in the need of \$14,400 just to "finish the game with honor, not in shame". And at that point I sent you my email.

Now, this is what happened (and I just briefly summarize much longer story):

- Somebody wrote: I don't have much to offer, I will just pray. (Wow, is it not the key to the success?!).
- Somebody wrote: I don't have much to offer, but I'll pray and send you 1% of what you need.
- Somebody wrote: We are sending a check to ITMI for \$1,000 for Bread of Life. We do NOT want to be re-paid in this lifetime. It is not much compared to the total need, but it can't hurt.
- Somebody wrote: I don't have much to offer this time, but I'll send you \$5,000.
- Somebody wrote: I will give you a check from the "Lords Fund" for \$25,000.
- Somebody offered: Hey, if others will donate \$18,000, we will add another \$18,000.
- Somebody asked: Now, we decided to help you but what if **European Union** (EU) grant will not give you a penny? Do you have a "Plan B"? The EU decision was made to support our projects with \$468,085.11.
- But this is not the end. I got the message that \$468,085.11 (which was subject to further negotiations) was raised (because of negotiations) to \$574,468.10. Wow! Isn't it all quite dramatic?

Now about our Plan B. Yes, honored with these gifts, supported with your prayers, we are determined to be the best stewards of His resource, and continue to develop the Bread of Life into being a life changing experience for the thousands of people in need — internationally. We will keep informing you of the details.

Just to remind you of our philosophy:

The Need: People without God, without hope, good for nothing.

The Solution: The "People's Recycling Plant", i.e. Bread of Life, now rescued by God.

The Benefit: Hundreds found, saved and sent.

Yours, as ever —

Piotr Zaremba

Every Second

Do you ever find yourself so busy that you can't keep track of everything on your schedule? Have you ever said to yourself or to someone around you, "I just don't have time to think about that right now!"?

Sometimes we get so involved and over-committed that we forget things. Forgetting to pick up your shirts from the cleaners isn't that big a deal. Forgetting your spouse's birthday would be a big deal. Now, I've never forgotten my wife's birthday. It's inconceivable to me. Forgetting Valentine's Day in 1992 was lesson enough for me. Ever heard the phrase "Gone But Not Forgotten"? It's not just for tombstones.

Recently I looked at my Palm Pilot and considered everything in my schedule. Family stuff, work stuff, church stuff, time with friends, taking Annie and Emma to preschool and to dance class, doctor and dentist appointments, taking Palmer the Eskimo Dog to the groomer, and on and on it goes.

I wondered out loud, "How does God do it? How does He keep track of everything in the universe?" I just have my tiny postage stamp corner of the world to take care of. God rides herd on the whole planet. Not to mention 6 billion busy people just like me."

Obviously, God is God and because He is the Ultimate Everything He doesn't need a Palm Pilot to organize His week. God's omniscience and omnipresence are too big for me to get my brain around. Just for a minute, let's break it down to something less mind blowing.



Are you wearing a watch today? If you are, chances are it has a quartz crystal inside. Were we able to see it, we would find that the quartz crystal in our watch vibrates at a speed of approximately 8 billion times per second. That's 8 billion with a capital "beyond our absolutely", as my Grandmother would say.

There are approximately 6 billion people on planet earth. If God were only able to think as fast as the quartz crystal in your watch, He would be able to think about you and every other person on earth at the same time, every second of every minute of every hour of every day.

With time to spare.

Psalm 121 says that our God "**does not sleep nor does He slumber**". He is literally thinking about you every second of every minute of every day. This week while you're using your Timex and your Palm Pilot to keep track of your schedule, remember that God is thinking about you every second of every minute. Everyday. Thoughts of

love, grace, encouragement, forgiveness, kindness, hope and peace. God cares about the details of your life.

You might forget something this week. It happens. For your sake I hope it's the shirts at the cleaners and not a birthday. Whatever you might forget, no worries. God will never forget about you.

"How precious are your thoughts toward me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!" - Psalm 139:17

- Todd Thompson

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keep watch on all the ministry property and family when he is away engaged in reaching the lost.

After many delays and vehicle mechanical challenges, now Tim, Ashley, Monica and soon to be little baby boy, should be working their way north east from Cape Town, South Africa through Botswana and on to Lusaka, Zambia. Tim asked that we pray for their travel due to a used vehicle with a new engine, a big, boxy trailer that carries their belongings, a very pregnant wife, a teething year old daughter and kilometers and kilometers of Africa bush driving. They also ask that we stand with them in prayer as Ashley hopes to deliver their new little boy, without incident, in January.

You can provide a great service for the Keller clan by taking a minute to encourage them and offering to pray with and for them as they set up shop for this new and exciting chapter in their sold out life for God. Contact them at

ashley@kellersc23.com

or you can send us a card and we will gladly send it to them in Zambia.

- Tim and Ashley Keller, Steve Evers

USA

Candis Johnson Morgan, Bill's daughter, reports: "Thank you so much for your continuing prayers for **Bill Johnson's** recovery. Dad is doing very well. He continues to grow stronger each day with regular physical and occupational therapy. He has been receiving speech therapy as well to help with his aphasia and memory."

He is now at home. "He will be scheduled for outpatient speech therapy for another month and we'll carry on from there,

depending on what his needs are. We will have a list of physical and balance exercises for Dad as well.

Cognitively, Dad's recovery is slow and steady. I hope and pray it continues with the social stimulation we will provide at home and with outpatient speech therapy."

"He still experiences aphasia with speech, although he may deny it, and is regaining more of his old self."

From the field, Kawede reports - "We thank God for saving Bill Johnson from death, we pray that he will soon recover. We are also praying for Bill Johnson's replacement [that] God will provide a volunteer godly man from the States to help partner with ISM for God's glory."

- Teri Smith

Zambia

Last we heard from **John Jere** in Lusaka, Zambia, he was quickly gathering used clothes and building supplies for his quick trip to



Nalishemo gets a new house

Lukulu East on the eastern bank of the Zambezi River in western Zambia. In our **ITM September issue** we introduced a dear 78 year old grandmother that John and his mission's team came across who was all alone and living inside what could hardly be called a grass hut. Her "structure" was just tall elephant grass tied in bundles and then tied together. Because the grass was floppy

and non-supportive at the top, there was no way to have a roof for when the rains come.

As we went to press on this issue, John returned home from Lukulu East and reported that **Namakando Nalishemo** is just delighted with the gift from you the ITMI supporters and from John and his team.



A Special Testament to God's provision

Grandma Nalishemo shares, "I did not know that I would lose my husband and all my children and remain alone without help from anyone. I have suffered the worst things in my old age. When I was young, I did every thing without any help but now, I need more help than ever before. Thanks to God who is my Saviour whom I have acknowledged in my heart and I wholly follow. I have had no house for over six years. I reported my need to [the Zambian] Social Welfare but [they] did not help. The government of Zambia has failed to help me but God has used Bishop John Jere to come all the way from Lusaka to build a house for me."

A full report on the two bales of clothes for distribution, the church property purchase, and Grandma Nalishemo's house building will be coming in future ITM issues. Thank you for being a part of reaching the world for Christ by your faithful support of valid and valuable projects.

- Steve Evers

For Praise . . .

1. ITMI's new partners in the slums of Chennai, India, Paul and Molly Yuvaraj.
2. Tim and Ashley Keller finally en route to their new home base in Zambia.
3. God's provision through you and the EU grants for maintaining and growing the Polish New Live Center.
4. ITMI Board: the continued wisdom and understanding as they lead the new ITMI through God's direction.

For Prayer . . .

1. Tim and Ashley: safety and provision as they travel north to Zambia and implement God's plan for children.
2. Paul and Molly: becoming new parents, standing against the persecution in Chennai, and much needed resources.
3. John Jere: migraine headaches that require \$2000 laser eye surgery.
4. Gerhard and Elaine, So. Africa: much needed help as they try to rebuild their burned to the ground children's home.

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