



After returning from India and Turkey, it was easy to be grateful for being born in a predominantly Christian nation. So often we take that broad exposure to Christianity for granted.

INDIA



India and Turkey, do not have that Christian heritage. Predominately Hindu or Muslim respectively, I saw millions of people who have never heard the gospel. In India, I met with about 15 leaders from each of their six regions of India, and we spent our time planning for a student conference the end of January 08. They plan on bringing together 400 top student leaders to expose them to the Movement Building material that I teach from the Life of Christ. Each of these student leaders will be selected because they have developed at least a fourth generation disciple. (In other words, they have led someone to Christ, and trained them to lead someone to Christ... out to four generations of new believers). This is the first such conference for them, so they wanted to clearly define goals and outcomes.

For me this is a dream come true, because over the last year I have taken over 1000 Campus Crusade staff through training. These have all been some of the top leaders of Crusade around the globe... and now we are ready to begin to take the training to the next generation... where my passion really lies! Crusades new mission statement is “building movements everywhere... connecting everyone to someone who truly follows Jesus”. We now are getting to the “some ones”... the student leaders who are the future movement builders. For me I can think of nothing more exciting than to be able to be with 400 of these “some ones”. Proven young multipliers, eager to “walk as Jesus walked”.

TURKEY

In Turkey, I had the privilege of training all the National Directors, and their spouses, of all the North Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia countries. These include places such as Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Tunisia, Kyrgyzstan, etc. These leaders work within Muslim dominated cultures and from my perspective, are heroes of the faith. In the last year, more than a few had experienced beatings by radicals. Some have served prison terms for their faith... others giving their very life. To be with such Godly men and women, who are laying their lives on the line daily to bring the love of Christ to the 10/40 window, was a great privilege.



Perhaps one of my greatest joys was to teach the Life of Christ to leaders who are working with two major people groups. Hindu's and Muslims. While each was so radically different... there were also many similarities. But my greatest joy came from explaining how Jesus created movements by making disciples who could make disciples... and then have them identify with the principles in their context. Jesus is truly relevant in every culture and context.

On a more humorous note, when teaching the humanity of Christ and referring to the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD as the defining church council which

settled this issue... it was almost humorous for me to have a Russian born Armenian Orthodox leader, disagree with me because his distant relatives and his church fathers boycotted that Council. Only in the Middle East would you have such long-term history and perspective. (By the way, we became great friends as we debated, discussed, and prayed about this concept in greater length in the evenings.)

ISRAEL

During this week, we are at the peak of the planning stages for our Israel 2008 gathering with GYI. All registrations and payments are required by the end of November, so each day I am dealing with multiple e-mails.

At this point, I am excited to say that we will have at least 200 young leaders from around the globe (our target goal), and over 100 plus at the pre-conference where we will sleep out in the wilderness in tents to experience some of what Christ experienced. We also will have over 150 at our post-conference tour covering the remainder of Israel. Over 50 countries and six continents will be represented.



Please pray for me over the next three months as I prepare. I have several talks that need to be written for our touring, plus we also need to organize all the administrative issues of bringing leaders from around the globe.

This truly is going to be a historic gathering, and one in which we are trusting that we will “encounter Christ on location” in Israel.

THANKSGIVING

I wish I could find the words to express our gratitude for your investment in GYI over this last year. **We have made some huge Kingdom advances around the globe, and I see even more potential for the future.** When I was in Turkey, I got very sick (probably because I spent over 40 hours in an airplane with only two nights in a bed during the first 5 days).

When you are that sick and yet that far from home, you really don't even think about not doing what you came for. So as I stood up to speak, I watched in amazement as the power of God showed up and I would experience His strength. I know it was because of the accumulated prayers of God's people. There was no other explanation!

That could not and would not happen without a team of people, both praying and financially supporting what we believe God has called Char and I to do. For this we are so grateful to you.

As we approach the year-end, I'd greatly appreciate your continued support. Surprisingly, over 30% of my yearly support has come in during the last month, so I tend to watch this month quite carefully. After you have given to your local church, if the Lord lays us on your heart, we'd appreciate any support you might give. **I can honestly say, we have been abundantly provided for,** but as you can imagine, we have invested significant dollars in making this Israel conference happen... and we are trusting the Lord for his ongoing provisions. **We are grateful that so many of you have helped us bring these leaders together from around the globe,** as this project alone was almost a \$300,000 undertaking. But up to this point we have seen God provide our every need... and we thank you so much.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Message preparation for Israel
- On location bible studies for each of the major sites we will visit
- The final registrations to come in with the financial payments all being settled
- Visa's for all our leaders... especially Cuba, Romania, Serbia, China, Laos and Vietnam

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

John went to a psychiatrist: "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed, I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week, and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?" John asked warily.

"Each visit is \$150," replied the doctor.

"Well, I'll sleep on it."

Six months later the doctor bumped into John on the street: "Why didn't you ever come to see me about those fears you were having?"

"Well, one hundred and fifty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A friend at work cured me for nothing. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought myself a new pickup!"

"Is that so?! And how, may I ask, did your friend cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed!"



Another Chinese Toy Recall

A man lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh theater. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the man, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient.

"Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Again, the man just groaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched briskly back up the aisle in search of his manager. In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move him, but with no success. Finally, they summoned the police.

The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the man moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice, Sam replied, "The balcony."

LIVER & CHEESE

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle.

The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first, but end up arriving in front of her at the same time.

The males are speechless before her beauty, slobbering on themselves and hoping for just a glance from her in return.

Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them, "The first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me."

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, "I love liver and cheese."

"Oh, how childish," said the Poodle. "That shows no imagination or intelligence whatsoever."

She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever and says "How well can you do?"

"Um....I HATE liver and cheese," blurts the Golden Retriever.

"My, my" said the Poodle. "I guess it's hopeless. That's just as dumb as the Lab's sentence."

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy?"

The last of the three, tiny in stature but big in fame and finesse, is the Taco Bell Chihuahua.

He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab and says...



"Liver alone. Cheese mine."

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