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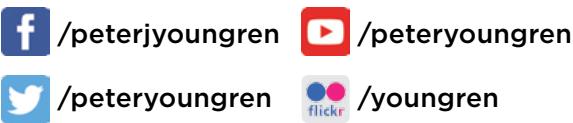
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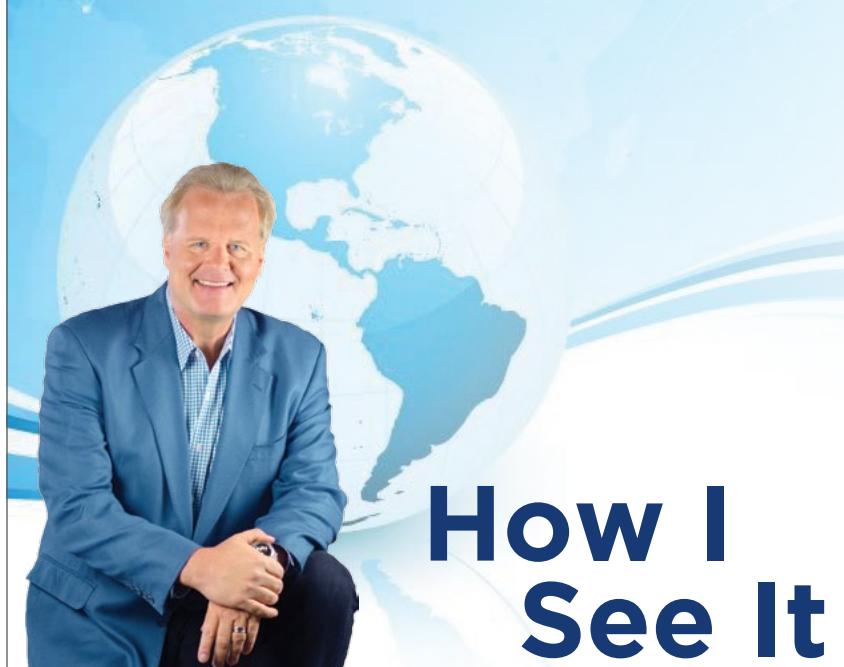
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Welcome to *IMPACT*!

I hope you feel the warmth, the faith and the love extended to you through this magazine. For those who support World Impact Ministries, I know that the reports of Gospel advancement around the world will bring joy.

How I See It is a column where I comment on practical issues, recent events, new stories, topics from the Bible and more personal information. I value your input and thoughts in response to what I write.

MODERN LEGALISM

I use the word *legalism* quite often in my teaching, but I think many may not fully realize what I'm referring to. To some legalism is something from the past. We think of Christians 2000 years ago, who wrestled with issues like circumcision. Or some may think of the 1960s and 70s when evangelicals had rules, especially for women, about dress design, hair, and many other things.

One of the most common traditions was for women to wear a so-called head covering – a hat. I remember in my 20s, while ministering in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, that one church had a "hat rack" by the entrance, with dozens of hats available, on a first-come first-served basis. The idea was that the hat must be worn before a woman entered the so called sanctuary. I dread to think if any of those women had head lice and passed it on to the whole church, I hope that never happened.

My point is that we tend to look at legalism as something from the past, but legalism is as real today as ever. In fact, our modern legalism is more sinister, more evil and more enslaving. After all, if a woman wanted to be dedicated to Jesus in the 1960s and she was told to put on a hat, there



Pentecostal choir sometime in the 1960s. Notice women wearing hats. Compared to “modern legalism” wearing hats was rather innocent.

wasn't that much harm done. At least once the hat was on her head she knew she was good to go.

Contrast the innocent legalism of the 60s and 70s with today's legalism: “You need to position yourself for a miracle”, “We need more prayer, more faith, and more dedication in order for God to move”, or “We need to open heaven with our prayers so that God can pour out revival”. The problem with these forms of legalism is that you never know whether you actually did what was necessary or not.

When have we prayed enough, fasted enough, wept enough, or become sufficiently dedicated? This becomes a treadmill to nowhere, where the believer lives in a limbo of uncertainty, there's always something more to be done. Recently I heard a preacher say, “All we need is just a little bit more faith, a little bit more prayer, and a little bit more dedication, and we'd see God move in our lives”. That's the problem, there's always just a little bit more, and when you achieve that little bit, you'll discover that there's still a little bit more, and so on and so on. Modern legalism, with all its “principles”, and “steps”, and “keys” to victory, brings

believers into bondage. The Gospel frees believers from these endless requirements to please God, and takes us into a discovery of Jesus' finished work, and how Christ lives in us.

JESUS ALIVE IN TANGA

Be sure to check out the report of what God did in the Muslim city of Tanga. To me, the greatest report I heard in Tanga, was from the chairman of the Festival committee, who said:

Peter, your campaign here 13 years ago was a turning point. At that time about 95% of the population was Muslim. I think I can say today that the percentage of Jesus-followers has doubled from 5% to 10%. And they are not just nominal believers, but true followers of Jesus Christ. Still this campaign, in 2017, is even greater, and I can't wait to see how God will use what has happened this week.

That's what World Impact Ministries is all about – making history for the Gospel. Thank you for what you do for the Gospel. Remember that God is no man's debtor, He will reward you super abundantly!

IMPORTANT! Announcement For Partners: Gospel Investment Report.

As a result of hearing from our partners we made some changes in how we acknowledge the monthly giving to World Impact Ministries and Way of Peace.

Effective immediately, instead of receiving a monthly letter that says “thanks” for your gift that month, every partner will receive a *Quarterly Gospel Investment Report*. This report will outline your giving during the previous 90 days, as well as the specific accomplishments for the gospel that you helped make happen.

Those who wish to receive your quarterly statement by email, please contact our partnership director, Melanie Mowat at melaniem@peteryoungren.org.

**This new way to acknowledge your giving will be cost effective and informative.
Thank you for your suggestions!**



MAKE NO SMALL PLANS HERE



NATHAN THURBER

Nathan, you are thinking too small...

IF you gave me a dollar every time Pastor Peter told me this, I would be rich. For the past 18 years, I have worked with Pastor Peter, driving him to meetings, as a mission's coordinator, as a business administrator of Grace TV and now as lead pastor of the Toronto International Celebration Church. Throughout that time, Pastor Peter has knowingly, or unknowingly, instilled in me this idea... *have confidence to think and act bigger.*

I first met Pastor Peter the day I was hired to be his assistant and drive him to meetings. I had just completed 2 years of his Bible College, but I was too shy to even say, "Hi". As I timidly made my way into his office, I noticed

a sign that hung over the entrance, **MAKE NO SMALL PLANS HERE**. His first words were, "spend some time with me Nathan, and you may learn some confidence." I suppose my lack thereof was painfully evident.

Confidence was not immediately learned. About 14 years later, when Pastor Peter had health setbacks and I was with him in the hospital, he asked me to preach at the Toronto International Celebration Church for a month, I literally fainted. I was overwhelmed in front of the doctors and nurses and Taina standing there. You could say I had a supernatural fear. Confidence has been a learning curve.

Today I am glad to say that, I preach regularly, and I love it. However, I can't say that I am more "spiritually

minded" than I was when I fainted. I had a strong desire to serve the Lord since the age of 16 when I encountered the Holy Spirit in a special way. However, I still fainted at the age of 32 at the prospect of preaching.

Perhaps the biggest change in my life is simply an acquired boldness and confidence. The Scriptures tell us, "Do not cast away your confidence" (Hebrews 10:35). The first personality change listed of those filled with the Spirit in Acts 2 was... **BOLDNESS**.

Sadly, like me, I think some very genuine believers are hoping or praying that God will move in an area of their life. Could it be, that God is saying, **have confidence and step out in the power of Christ we already have! In other words, don't limit your thinking... think bigger... act bigger!**

The Apostles prayed for boldness. (Acts 4:29) It would seem that they knew they were already anointed. Still **boldness and confidence to step out in faith activated** the power they already had in Christ.

Pastor Peter once told me there is a reason God uses him to conduct massive overseas Gospel Festivals, where up to 600,000 at one time gather. It isn't because he is extra anointed or special. It is simply he is bold enough to attempt what others won't.

Prayer is a must, and we should pray for others. *However, should we pray for what God has already given us?*



Consider this:

The moment you received Christ, the Scriptures tell us you became a "joint heir with Christ", God's own son, (Romans 8:17). An heir is defined as *a person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that person's death*. You are legally entitled to all the rank and property of Jesus Himself... power... health... anointing... prosperity... love nature... shall we go on?!

Could it be that we just think too small?

Do we lack the confidence to think and act on what we already have in Christ? God's dreams for your life is **MUCH BIGGER** than your own dream... **"immeasurable more** than all we ask or imagine..." Let us never forget how God works those dreams out in our lives... "according to His power that is at work **within us.**" (Ephesians 3:20) There is immeasurably more power **WITHIN YOU** than you ever dreamt. I include myself in the prayer, "God give us the boldness to simply step out in the power you have already given!"

May we never think too small! *

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90 Graduates In Nairobi

THE graduation ceremony of World Impact Bible Institute [WIBI] in Nairobi, Kenya was a grand event - a true celebration. What a joy to meet the more than 90 beautifully dressed students, who after two years of full-time studies, were ready to graduate. Most of the students came from Kenya, but there were also those from Uganda, Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania. They marched into the large auditorium together with their teachers in a beautifully choreographed procession. Many had joined in to participate in this special day; family, friends, pastors and leaders.

Mary Felde, who for several years was WIM's Director of WIBI-Kenya, together with Grace Shadrack, the Administrator guided us through the four hour program. Bishop Winnie Owiti, who leads the Voice of Salvation and

Healing denomination with 1200 churches, spoke words of faith. Peter preached an inspiring and powerful message, admonishing the students to take what they received and pass it on to their home cities and to all of East Africa.

Following the distribution of diplomas and certificates, there was a powerful time for prayer for each student. It was evident that God's Holy Spirit was touching their lives.

I was personally delighted to meet these joyous and expectant students, filled with faith for the future. The fruit of World Impact Bible Institute - Kenya, and what will come through these graduates is something we can only imagine.

One thing is certain; the financial gifts from WIM's partners that make the school possible will result in the salvation of many precious people. - Stefan Salmonsson



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WIM Partners Respond Generously To Building Projects In Tanzania & Kenya

Gospel Center in Tanzania, picture taken before the roof was completed.

THANKS to the partners of World Impact Ministries [WIM] the roof is now completed on the 2000 seat Gospel Center in Mwanza, Tanzania. The facility will also host World Impact Bible Institute [WIBI] in Tanzania.



Bishop Zenobius Isaya and wife Upendo have been co-workers with WIM for 14 years.

Bishop Zenobius Isaya, WIM's director in Tanzania, is a trusted friend; he has stood by Peter's side on many platforms across Tanzania. After 6 years of building, only 45% of the work was done, but this summer the Lord touched Peter Youngren's heart to join in partnership. Peter says, "when I saw the vision in Bishop Isaya's heart, as well as the need for our expanding student body, the Lord touched my heart that we should help finish this building."

In a phone conversation with Pastor Isaya in mid-August, he reported that the most urgent task is to finish the roof and concrete floors. And now six weeks later the roof is completed. Thank you partners! Pastor Isaya commented, "We don't build a 'sacred' monument, but a busy Gospel Center for people". With the growing church and a growing Bible school, it surely will be busy.

The friends and partners of WIM have also responded to provide new dormitories for the growing WIBI campus in Nairobi, Kenya [see related article]. Grace Shadrack,

WIBI's Kenya Administrator, is grateful to the partners of WIM, for paying for the completion of a much needed dormitory. In early August, Grace reported that WIBI's previous dormitory for men was literally falling apart, the need was urgent. Now school is able to go forward.

Ultimately, its about training workers to take the gospel to others. Again, a big "thank you!" – Taina Youngren



Grace Shadrack, WIBI's Kenya Administrator.

From Winnipeg to Mwanza

MWANZA, Tanzania is a far from Winnipeg, Canada. As a four-year-old Meron Tsegay immigrated from one of the world's warmest countries, Eritrea to Winnipeg, known for its harsh winters. Meron is now back in Africa as the Principal for World Impact Bible Institute – Tanzania. At his ordination service at the Toronto International Celebration Church, a couple of days before his departure, Meron was full of anticipation.

“Today I was so happy. I was taken back to the first memory of World Impact Bible Institute when I joined the Bible College in 2014. That’s where God started to change my mind about who He is, who Jesus is, and who I am in the Father. It has totally changed the way I see the world and how I see people. It was at WIBI that my heart was inspired by the Holy Spirit to teach people about Jesus—who He really is and how He came to give us a big life in Him.”



Meron has already spent a year in Tanzania as a part of the World Impact Ministries team of Gospel workers. When asked about the needs among Christians and Muslims in the country, he responded:

-The need is so great, especially in the light of the Gospel. Many have previously seen the Gospel as a checklist of things to do, a duty, or a

Meron is now ordained with the Celebration Network of Churches and Ministries

commandment, without the life of God in it. The story of Jesus Christ has become stale to many, so there is a real need to show believers, in the light of Scripture, who Jesus really is. As for the people in other religions, one of



Meron Tsegay before leaving for Tanzania

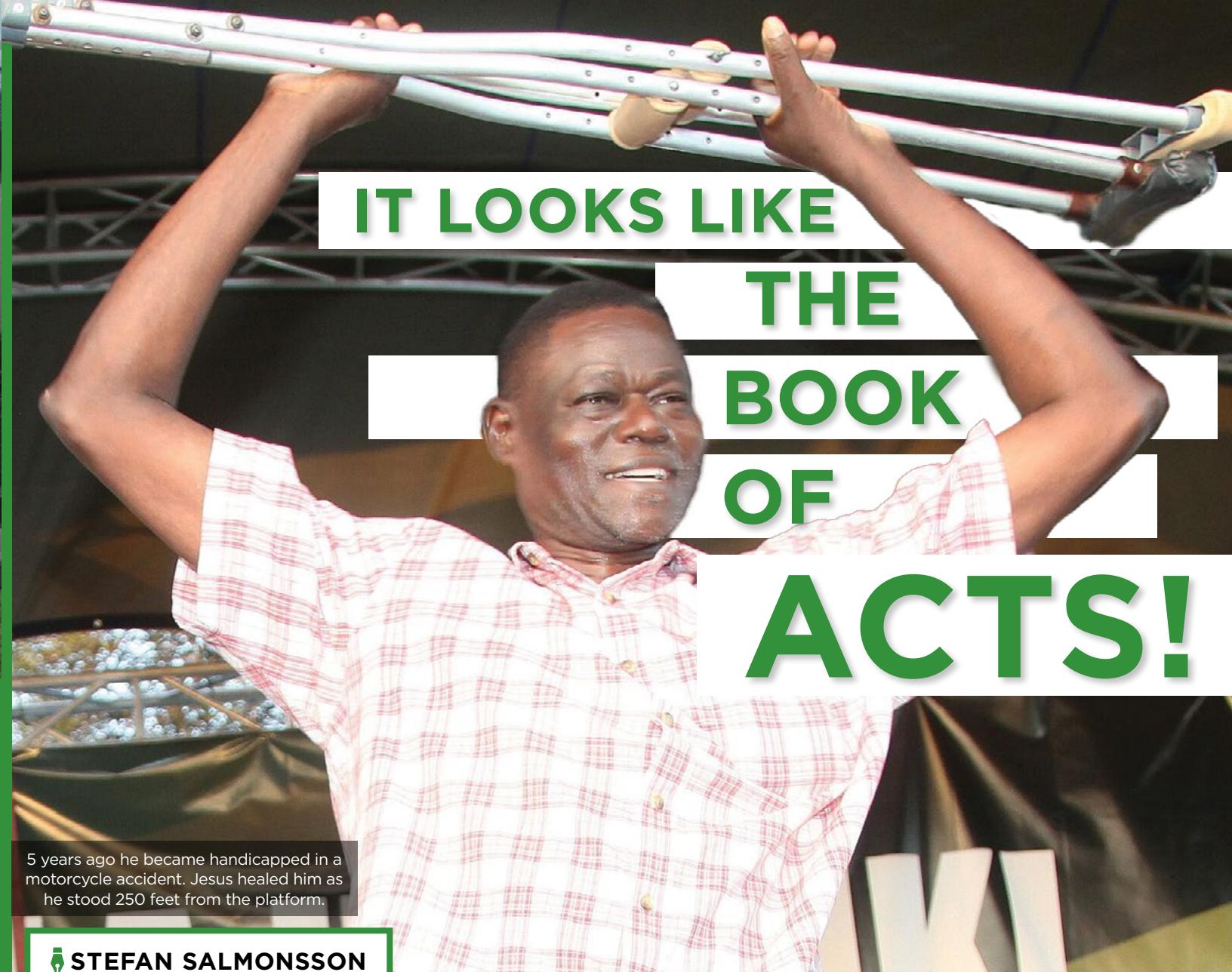
the keys is that we Christians really know our own gospel, and then we can pass it on to others. Instead of presenting another “holy book” to them (they already have a book) we need to present a God who loves them. Showing who Jesus really is will change their lives.

What about the day-to-day responsibility?

“I am going to do what my Father has taught me to do, which is to look at His Son. I will focus on Jesus and as long as I keep my eyes on Jesus I know that he will be my wisdom to get it done.”

WIBI – Tanzania is not just studies, but the students get lots of hands-on experience in reaching out to the community around them. Every Friday the school conducts an outreach in nearby marketplaces, on the streets, or in businesses where they are given permission to share the Gospel. Meron reports that commonly anywhere from 10 to 40 people, sometimes entire families, receive Christ through these outreaches. He commented:

“We know that this works because many of the people that come to Christ on the Friday outreach, we see them in church the following Sunday. They are very keen to come to our church because of the message of God’s grace that we preach, it’s different than what they may have heard.”



IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOOK OF ACTS!

5 years ago he became handicapped in a motorcycle accident. Jesus healed him as he stood 250 feet from the platform.

STEFAN SALMONSSON

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice came out of many who were possessed and many who were paralyzed and the lame were healed. And there was great joy in the city.

I traveled with Peter in July to Tanzania with the goal to reach the predominantly Muslim city of Tanga with the gospel. These campaigns are *Friendship Festivals*, because we want everyone to feel welcome regardless of background. Peter chooses large cities where there are relatively few Christians and where many have not previously heard the gospel, and that's why we came to Tanga.

On our way we made a quick stop in Nairobi to attend the graduation of World Impact Bible Institute [see page 20, *Celebration in Nairobi*]. From Nairobi to Tanga we crowded into a very small plane and when we landed in Tanga there were crowds of people at the airport, who received us with joy, dancing and singing. What an experience!

Muslims came out of their houses, warmly waving to us.

Peter spoke for a few minutes at the airport, promising that *in a few days Jesus will be the talk of the city*. He continued, **I am not here to lift up a religion, I am here to lift up the name of Jesus.**



years earlier and the city had really been transformed by that visit. "Why don't you move here?" he suggested.

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

From the press conferences we moved to the Friendship Dinner with leaders from all religions. This is a very important event where Peter invites leaders for a dinner and openly tells them why he has come to their city. The highest leaders in Islam, Hinduism, and Christians from Pentecostals to Roman Catholics were present. Peter spoke very boldly about Jesus. I was impressed how straight forward and clear the presentation of the Gospel was. After Peter had spoken, the highest leader for the Muslims, a cleric who supervises 1400 mosques was visibly moved, as he said, "we welcome you to Tanga". Some of the Christian leaders could hardly believe what they were hearing. These friendship dinners bring favor and become somewhat of a guarantee that later on in the week when the miracles of Jesus become evident there will not be riots. The city of Tanga is Islamic with large Islamic teaching centers and, so to establish good contact was very important.



For one and a half hour we toured the center of Tanga greeting people.

From the airport we continued through the center of the city in a parade of cars, bicycles, motorcycles-anything that moved. The streets were filled with music, rejoicing and waving. I was surprised how friendly and happy people were, including the Muslims. Peter stood on the roof of one of the cars and waved. Of course people recognized him since the whole city was full of advertising and billboards.

After the parade it was time for the press conference with 14 journalists. I think every journalist in the city was there. Peter made a short presentation and then the curious journalists asked questions like: Why have you come to our city? What is your purpose? Peter responded, "we come to enlighten people about who Jesus Christ is-to spread a message of hope." One of the journalists gratefully reminded Peter that he had visited Tanga 13



Cataracts, glaucoma, many were healed of blindness and eye disease.



Stefan, the author of this article, taught the first session each day of the seminar. He shared powerful insights of God's grace

The first night of the Festival thousands gathered on the large field in spite of torrential rains. Then while Peter preached it poured again, but he refused to stop. Peter often says that the worst enemy to an outdoor Gospel Festival is rain. Being under the open sky makes us vulnerable when it comes to weather. Somehow the people stayed on the field in spite of the downpour and the rest of the week the weather was beautiful. That first night a large multitude responded to receive Christ and hundreds were healed, among them, a young Muslim girl who had been blind. Her mother had brought her, and when she was healed she was so overwhelmed that she had a hard time to take it in. I can understand, imagine seeing for the first time in your life.

In conjunction with the Festival we also conducted a leadership seminar for pastors with 600 participants. In Tanga, being a Muslim center, there are few churches and many pastors feel like they are fighting an uphill battle. It was very special to be able to strengthen these pastors. Of course in order to get 600 pastors in a Muslim city, there were many who came from faraway places. Peter's teaching about the new covenant of God's grace was revolutionary. He drove home the truth with joy and power. Many pastors told me, "My life is transformed". This seminar equips and strengthens the pastors to continue the work of the Gospel long after the Friendship Festival is over.

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The last night of the festival became very special. When Peter invited for salvation thousands rushed forward to receive Jesus. I have been in Christian ministry for over 30 years, including missionary work in many countries, but I have never seen anything like it. My heart was broken with gratitude to Jesus. What rejoicing when these precious people experienced the miracle of salvation. After this there was an explosion of healing; I have never seen so many people healed at once-deaf, lame, blind, and they were beyond excited at what Jesus had done.

One of the Christian leaders said, "we didn't see Peter Youngren, we saw Jesus in Tanga". Yes, what Peter said at the airport became true, when we left Tanga the city was talking about Jesus, and there was great joy everywhere.

MIRACLES KEEP HAPPENING

Festival Chairman Bishop Jotham Mwakimage sent an update a couple of weeks after the Festival.

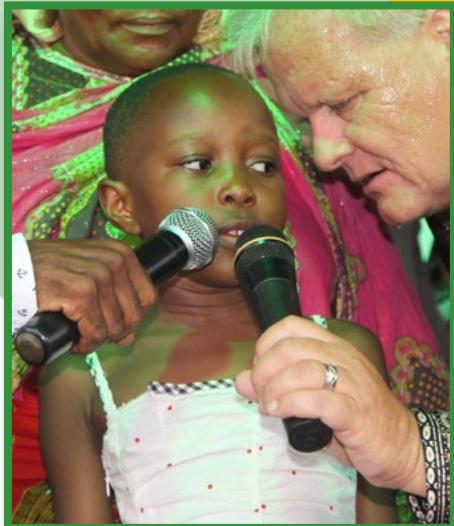
"God has used Peter Youngren to awaken Tanga spiritually. Many testimonies are coming from people that were healed but did not get the opportunity to give their testimonies, and the majority are Muslims."

"One Muslim man from Kenya, who was blind, started seeing after the last day of the Festival. A Muslim woman, who was lame, sat behind at the large tree about 100 m from the platform. She was miraculously

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"We did not see Peter Youngren, we



◀ Rehema, an 8-year-old Muslim girl staying with her grandmother, was completely deaf. She could only read lips, but after healing she could hear even the slightest whisper.



A chronic invalid because of severe arthritis, this man is rejoicing over what God has done for him. ▶

Together with some of the Muslim leaders who attended the friendship dinner ▶





saw Jesus in Tanga." - Pastor Joram Ibrahim



▲ He was blind, now can see. He couldn't find his friend after he was healed because he didn't know what his friend looked like.



▲ Mohammed (Left), a Muslim, invited his Christian friend Paul, who had been an invalid through advanced arthritis for many years. They were both rejoicing after Jesus healed Paul.



▲ Amina, a Muslim, was healed of blindness. When Jesus healed her she ran to the platform to testify. At first the workers didn't let her through, they doubted what she was saying. Amina ran to get her aunt, who assured the workers that the miracle had really happened.

Peter, your campaign here 13 years ago was a turning point. At that time about 95% of the population was Muslim. Today the percentage of Jesus-followers has doubled from 5% to 10%, and they are not just nominal believers, but true followers of Jesus Christ. Still this campaign, in 2017, is even greater, and I can't wait to see how God will use what is happened this week. – Bishop Jotham Mwakimage



Pastors received the teaching of The Gospel Revolution Seminar with great joy

healed, but when her relatives saw it they quickly removed her in order to hinder her from giving her testimony. Another lame Muslim man, who had lost his ability to walk because of a spinal cord injury was healed in the car, as he was driven home after the Festival. He threw his crutches out of the car and walked unhindered.”

“Medical doctors have confirmed that a young girl with one eye completely blind and the other one almost blind, which hindered her from attending school, is healed. Now she is back in school.”

“Just in our church, there are people from a radical Islamic background that have joined the church since the Festival.”

600 delegates of the Pastors' Seminar

GOSPEL REVOLUTION SEMINAR

Pastors came from a large area of Eastern Tanzania, many of them from churches in predominately Muslim areas.

This seminar is going to make a very big change in my life, my church, and my community. On a side note I was also healed during the festival. I am beyond blessed. - **George Gojumbai**



Dr. Youngren's way of preaching on the New Testament has really changed my heart and my way of thinking. I have a new understanding of the love and grace of God. - **Samuel Kamoge**



I have been greatly blessed and encouraged by this seminar. Pastor Peter told us in the seminar that God would give us visions, and that same night I saw a vision of how God will use me to preach to my Muslim neighbors. This is completely new to me! - **Pastor Raphael**



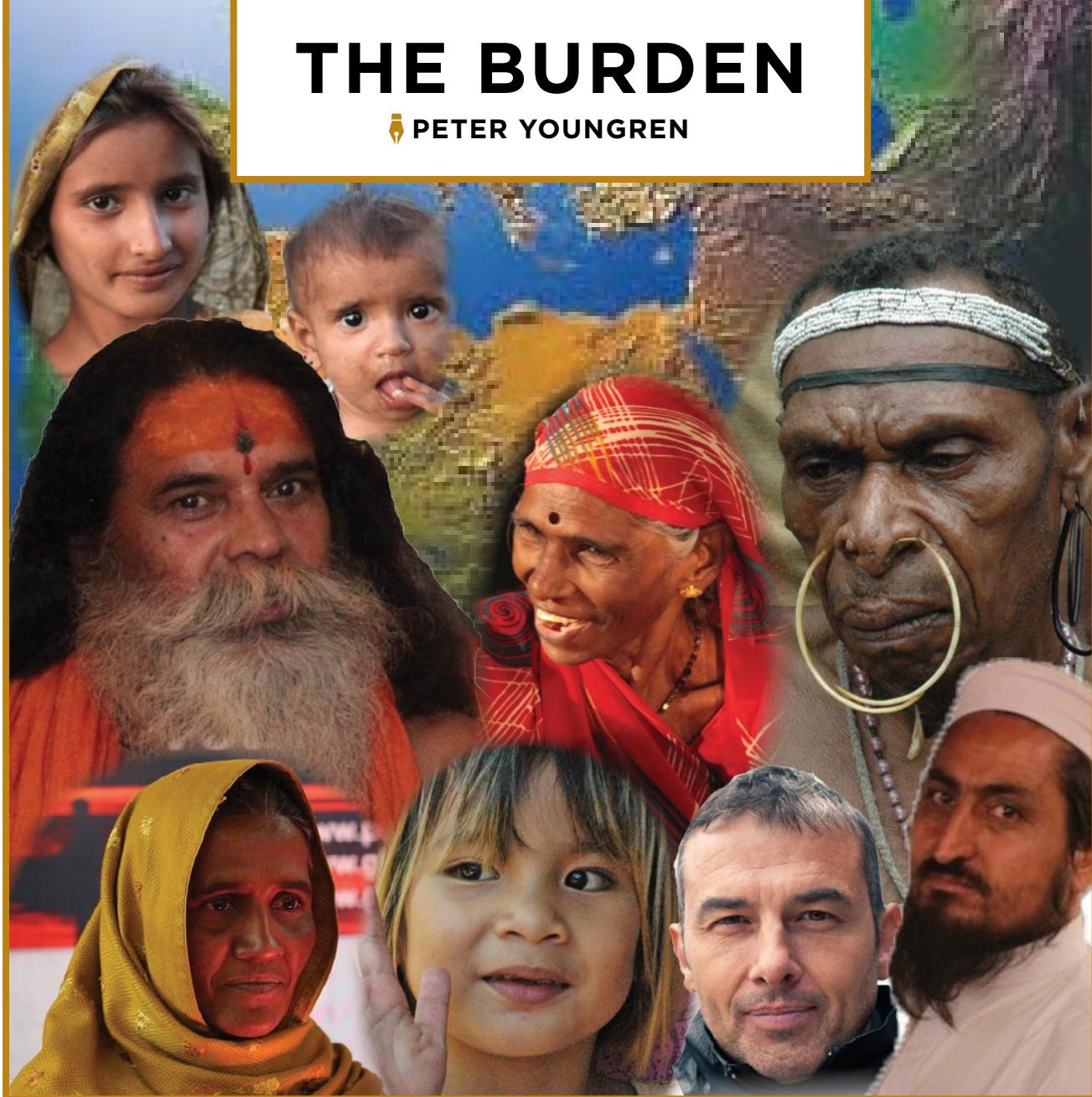
Through Pastor Peter's message I have come to the knowledge of God's Grace. This seminar has taught me how to preach God's love and the grace of Jesus rather than the laws of Moses. - **Jason Aliyakirobinda**



I'm transformed and I'm excited about the bible schools here in East Africa. I will be attending World Impact Ministries' school here to learn how to minister even more effectively. - **Ruth Norkabi**

THE BURDEN

PETER YOUNGREN



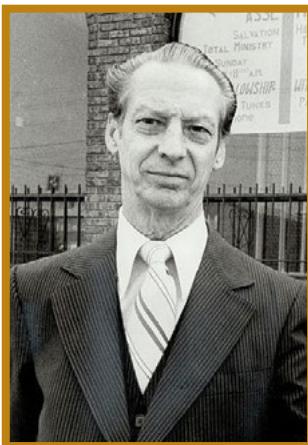
“My yoke is easy and my burden is light”- Jesus

“Besides the other things, that which comes on me daily: my deep burden for all the churches” – Paul

IN 1973 I moved from Sweden to attend Zion Bible Institute in Rhode Island, United States, with one purpose in mind – to become fluent in English. God had given me a burden to take his gospel to the world, and I wanted to be prepared. English was not my mother tongue, and I needed to speak good English to pursue the vision. Zion Bible Institute was different from anything I had experienced, it was strict, lots of legalism

and rules for everything. My bell-bottom jeans and hair hanging over the ears were serious sins. Today we laugh at the sin catalogue of the past, but in the 70s, in the context where I had landed, these issues were gravely serious. The length of my hair was measured with a ruler [for real].

One year later I was thrust into Gospel work in Canada. My first campaign in Toronto was at the invitation of



**Pr. George Tunks
hosted my first
Gospel Campaign in
a 1000-seat tent on
Dixon Rd, Toronto.
I admire his faith to
invite a 19-year old.**

every place with a population of more than 50,000, with revival meetings lasting anywhere from 1 to 6 weeks. The driving force was to see people come to Christ.

I often felt like I walked a tightrope, balancing between religious traditions that the church considered sacred, and my conviction that we must lay aside man-made traditions that drive people away from God. I didn't want to offend, so I stopped wearing bell-bottomed jeans and trimmed my hair. I was willing to do whatever it took to mobilize believers to reach out with the Gospel. This has always been my modus operandi, to preach Christ while following human traditions or throwing them aside, depending on what best serves the Gospel.

BURDEN FOR CHRISTIANS

During the late 70s and early 80s, there were many campaigns in the French-speaking Canada. At the time Roman Catholicism was very dominant in that area. Well-intentioned Pentecostals criticized me because I didn't preach against the Roman Catholic Church. The idea that the Roman Catholic Church was the "great harlot" was common at that time. I didn't believe it then, and I don't believe it now. To me the great harlot depicts every religious system that stands in opposition to God's grace. My experience is that Roman Catholics have a great longing to know Christ.

pastor George Tunks. The meetings lasted 3 weeks, and this was the beginning of 16 years of outreaches across Canada, from British Columbia to Newfoundland. Soon I began conducting international campaigns, at first small, but it didn't take long until tens of thousands were attending. Often I'd see salvation calls with thousands receiving Christ, something I couldn't even have imagined in the little church where I grew up.

Canada was my primary focus. I visited just about

In March 1978, in Edmundston, New Brunswick, I saw more than one thousand people respond to Christ. This was historical in that part of Canada, and after the campaign the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada started a church, the first of many churches that resulted from our campaigns.

The burden didn't allow me to focus on peripheral issues like private interpretations about the end-time. I had something much more important in mind – to give the gospel to everyone. I believed then, and I continue to believe today, that when we discover the fullness of Jesus Christ, man-made traditions will fall by the wayside, one by one.

LESTER SUMRALL'S WORDS

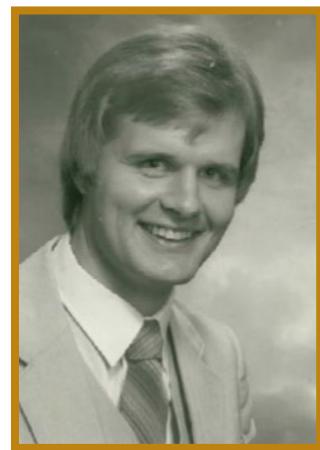
I spent time with a man much my senior, the late Dr. Lester Sumrall. We were together in Canada, Sweden and Albania and in South Bend, Indiana. One time he looked at me, *Peter, you are a covenant person. Others can pick and choose whether they are in ministry, or they just walk away. To some, it's like a career, they stay in it for a while and then they pursue a different direction. You cannot do that, because God will not let go of you.*

I didn't fully understand, but his words affected me deeply. Maybe Lester Sumrall was talking about the burden.

To me, it is a great injustice that so many have heard the Gospel again and again, while others haven't heard it once. It is a part of my worldview that everyone has a right to consider the Gospel. As a teenager, I heeded Jesus' words to lift my eyes and see the ripened harvest field, and I have not been able, or willing, to let go of what I saw.

BURDEN FOR INDIA

My first campaign in India was in the fall of 1980. For the next 18 years, we conducted 36 Gospel campaigns in this enormous country, until I was banned in 1998. According to the authorities I had committed a crime; *mass conversion*. In 2006 I was back in India, and between then and 2014 we conducted many more campaigns, until 3 years



Circa. 1978

ago I was banned again. Now the explanation given by immigration authorities was that I was a “security risk”. I’m sure one day India will open again. Whether opposition comes from other Christians, from governments, or from people of other religions, I cannot stop. Like most people, I find slander, unjust accusations, and personal attacks revolting, but the burden compels me forward.

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Timothy 2:23-24]. Those who think that we win others by attacking their religion have been shown to be wrong time and again.

Many discuss if Muslims and Christians have the same God. “Is Allah God”, they ask. The question reveals ignorance – Christians and Muslims do not have the same view of God. Christians believe that God is just like Jesus Christ, or as the writer of the book of Hebrews puts it - *Jesus is the express image of God’s person*. Muslims do not agree, so of course there are huge differences.

BURDEN FOR MUSLIMS

After 9/11 I saw a possibility to reach Muslims and this resulted in an invitation for me to speak at the mosque in St. Catharines, Ontario. Sadly, some Christians were upset that I “compromised”, how could I speak in such an unholy building – a mosque. Secular journalists at the local St. Catharines Standard understood and wrote positively. It was Christians that gave me problems.



“Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” was the topic at the St. Catharines’ Mosque.

I’m often asked about how we reach Muslims. Do I really preach the Gospel, or is it a watered-down message? Some advocate a confrontational approach, where we speak in a derogatory way of Allah and Mohammed. To blaspheme other people’s religions is, for me, not in line with God’s Spirit or good behavior. The Bible teaches to show respect to all [1 Peter 2:17], and to be kind to all [2

However, the question about “Allah” is about language. In English we say God, in Kiswahili “Mungu”, in German “Gott”, in Spanish “Dios”, and in Hebrew it is “Elah”. Every language in the world has a word for God, and the Arabic word is Allah. Christian Arabs refer to God as Allah, because that’s the word for God in their Bible. Consequently millions of Christians pray to Allah every day.

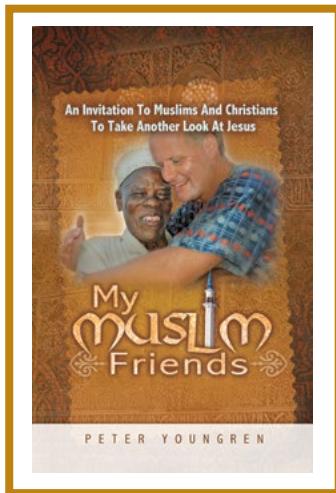
When the Bible was translated into Arabic in the 9th century (Sinai Codex Arabicus), centuries before we had the Bible in English, the word the translators used for God was Allah. When I preach in Christian Arab churches, or in places like Indonesia and West Africa, my interpreter will say Allah, when I say God, because that’s the only word for God that they know.



The 9th century Bible translation into Arabic, *Sinai Codex Arabicus*.

How we view God varies from religion to religion and also within Christianity. For example, United Pentecostals are similar to the Jewish religion in that they do not believe in the Trinity. A Fundamentalist Baptist may have different views of God than those of a Spirit-filled Charismatic pastor.

Rather than focusing on the question of whether Allah is the correct Arabic word, let's focus our energies on revealing God through Jesus Christ. In other words, our focus is not who God isn't, but who He is. Once people discover that Jesus is the express image of God, other questions will be settled.



The burden does not allow me to blaspheme others. Like Simon Peter, God has shown me to "not call any man common or unclean." In my book *My Muslim Friends* I expound further on this. It will answer many questions you may have.

When I write like this, there may be a few who will stop supporting World

Impact Ministries. Some suggest that we should bomb the Arab world, that Muslims are hopelessly lost and without hope. Naturally, I don't want to lose any supporters, because without partners we cannot do our work. However, the burden does not allow me to blaspheme others, or make ignorant statements.

GRACE - TO KNOW JESUS

In 2002 Jesus spoke in my spirit, *Peter, you don't know me as well as you think, if you are willing I will show you more of who I am.* My answer was "yes", and this began a deeper revelation of God's love and grace. Step by step I discovered more of Christ's finished work, that the Gospel was bigger than anything I had thought. At first I didn't realize that I would meet opposition. The Gospel about God's grace caused schisms two thousand years ago and not much has changed. Some bring accusations like, "the message of grace leads to sin", or "the grace message is an excuse for sin". Motives are questioned.

Here is how I see it. The world is at a crossroad, on the one side we have the Gospel of God's grace, and on the other, a type of Christianity that centers around our own performances. Our only hope is the gospel of God's grace. Rather than the message of grace leading to sin;

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it is the only cure for sin. I often say; sin cannot stop grace, but grace stops sin. The Scripture is clear that the same grace that brings salvation also cause us to live holy, (Titus 2:11-12)

The burden causes me to speak. Throughout history those who ought to have spoken often sat quiet. According to some, the young David ought not to have been the one to go against Goliath; King Saul or maybe one of David's older brothers should have volunteered. The young fishermen from Bethsaida, Peter, Andrew, and Philip, should have kept quiet; it was the responsibility of the religious leaders to acknowledge Jesus Christ.

God has always worked through people willing to speak up, so speak up against man-made, bigoted, performance-based religion. Blow the trumpet for the message of God's grace. More than ever we need to be Christians freed from self-effort religion, and brought back to the undeserved, unmerited favor only found in God's grace.

BURDEN FOR ISRAEL

Eleven years ago we started Way of Peace to reach Jews and Arabs in Israel and the Middle East. Paul wrote, *My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved* [Romans 10:1]. Millions of Christians and tourists visit Israel annually, all the while Jews and Arabs live without the Gospel. This is a great concern, and the purpose of Way of Peace is to help those who take the Gospel to Jews and Arabs. Thank you to every partner who carries this ministry with me.

30 MORE YEARS

Every day I have a burden for our Bible schools, for the more than 365,000 leaders who have participated in our Gospel Revolution Seminars, for Christian television in the Islamic world, and for the opportunities that God

gives to us to reach those who have never heard the gospel. God does not force his burden on us, but he allows us to respond to it.

The burden causes me to seek contact with political and religious leaders. I tell those leaders that they don't have a greater intrinsic value than the poorest person, but that they are key to keep the door open for the Gospel.

Jesus told Paul, *Bear my name before Gentiles, kings and the children of Israel*, Acts 9:15. That's my burden:

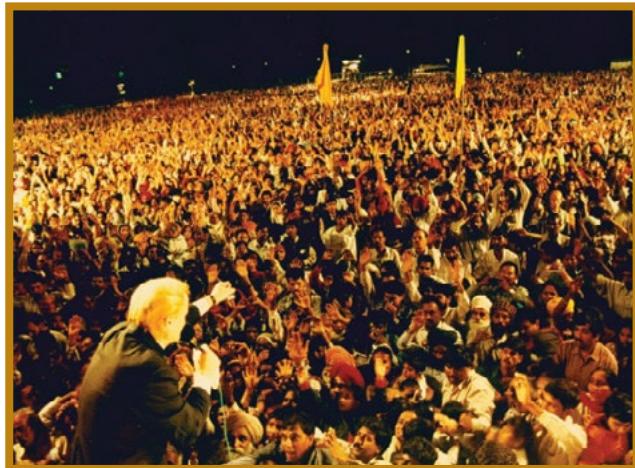


Photo from my first campaign in India – God always confirms his gospel with miracles.

- The entire Gentile world must hear the gospel.
- Kings, political and religious leaders must know Jesus Christ.
- Israel, the Jewish people, must know the gospel.

As an eighteen-year-old, with too long hair and bell bottomed jeans, I had a burden. After forty years the burden remains. I believe for 30 more years full of strength. Here is my prayer for the coming decades,

*God, help me to be like Paul, who kept his focus and did not allow himself to be distracted by the enemies of the Gospel. God, help me to always remember that success is to give Gospel to those who have never heard it. Help me to not build on another man's foundation, but that those who have never heard would see and discover God's salvation. God, help me to not be moved by anything, except to finish my race and to give my testimony to the Gospel of God's grace. **



One of our early campaigns.

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GAWAHI TV(GTV) started broadcasting on cable in 2013 in the world's largest Muslim city, Karachi, Pakistan. With 180 million people, of which 97% are Muslims, Pakistan is world's fifth largest nation. Initially GTV only had four million potential viewers. Now, the number is more than 25 million, and after four years of 24/7 broadcasting an estimated 12-14 million people watch regularly.

"We know that there is a great hunger for Jesus Christ. Feedback, from both Christians and Muslims, is positive. Most non-Christians are not allowed to attend church, but they can watch Gospel TV safely in their homes. People eagerly turn to the channel, as they learn about GTV through social media and live streaming", says William Sarfaz, who leads Gawahi TV.

Peter Youngren has conducted 14 Friendship Festivals in Pakistan, each one of them peaceful, in spite of constant threats of terrorism. TV programs are produced in Pakistan, with the exception of Peter's *You Are Loved* special telecast for the Islamic world, as well as Andrew Womack's *Gospel Truth*. Both these programs are subtitled into the Urdu, the language spoken by almost everyone in Pakistan.

William Sarfaz and Peter Youngren have been working together for the gospel in the Islamic world for 10 years.



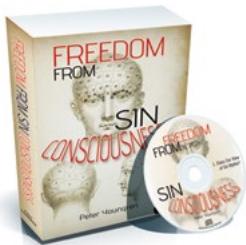
Those who contact GTV receive a free copy of Peter's book, *Hope from Jesus Christ*. "Gawahi" means "witness" – and that's what the channel truly is in the Islamic world.

For the first couple of years of broadcasting, a major portion of the funding for GTV, 75% or more, came from World Impact Ministries. Today, there is an increasing support from people in Pakistan and the Middle East, but still WIM provides funding for 25% of the total cost. In addition, WIM's partners pay for many non-broadcasting expenses, such as production of programs and follow-up material for new believers.

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– Taina Youngren

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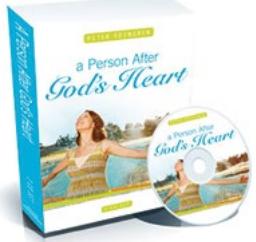
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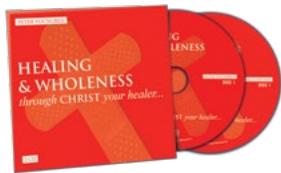
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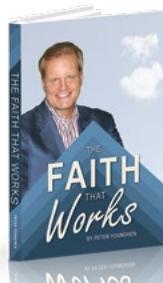
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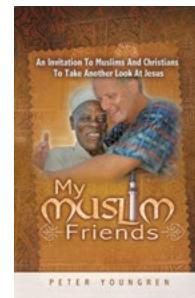
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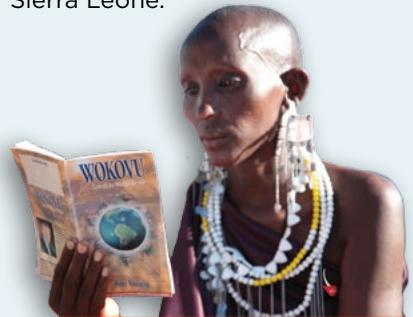
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Last Word With Taina

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HAVE you ever felt like a bird without wings? I have. Something is missing if a bird can't fly; it can't fulfill its purpose or be what it was intended to be. "What does this have to do with me?" you may ask. I'm comparing "a bird without wings" to a feeling – more precisely the power of a feeling that we experience if we lose hope. Wings of hope carry us through life's difficulties; none of us are immune to struggles that bring us to the brink of despair – certainly Abraham knew all about it.

We've heard many sermons about faith, but how often have we paused to think about hope and its close relationship to faith? I'm not talking about wishful thinking or daydreaming, but hope as divine strength.

Hebrews 11 is known as the "faith chapter", but the first verse also mentions hope, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". Hope isn't weak, a lesser substitute for faith. Look at it as two friends; Faith & Hope, hand in hand – faith is being sure of what we hope for.

HOPE IS A CHANNEL

We use expressions daily: "Hopefully", "I hope", "I'm hopeful". Hope has great significance because it channels our dreams, expectations and experiences. Paul tells us that hope – besides faith and love – always remains, and he prays that believers may understand the hope into which Jesus has called them. He affirms that all authority has been given to Jesus – THAT is divine hope for us. Being generally hopeful isn't all that meaningful in and of itself, but to know what Jesus accomplished on the cross and His resurrection, that gives us hope. God has called us into THAT hope!

HOPE DIRECTS

I imagine hope like an aroma of delicious food that grabs our senses; it leads us into the kitchen, even though we can't see the meal yet. Hope conjures up an image of a marvelous dinner in our minds, and soon we believe (have faith) that we'll actually eat that meal! When hope draws us in the direction we're supposed to go, our attitude changes; "I'm not there yet, but I'm on my way."

I can't see the details of how everything will fall into place, but with hope present, I'm ready to cooperate with the Scripture that tells me to not lean on my own understanding, but on God who directs my path!"

When a goal seems far away, we tend to become discouraged... "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." I mentioned Abraham because when we experience hope deferred we draw strength by taking a close look at the patriarch: "Abraham, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations". Then we read, "And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead ... and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform, Rom. 4:18-21.

We may face "contrary to hope" situations in our finances or health. In spite of circumstances, Abraham believed God's promise, being certain of God's faithfulness. When all hope is gone, when we are tempted to give up; that's the perfect time to reflect on God's promises.

THE HOPE = THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

The gospel is the foundation for both hope and faith. Scripture tells us that we have faith in Christ Jesus and love for one another "because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel".

The gospel is the reason why people see hope when they see us. We're carriers of the hope that every person craves for, because Christ in you is your hope of glory! No wonder we're told to always "be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you." We are not birds without wings, because "the God of hope fills us with joy and peace so that we may overflow with hope."



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