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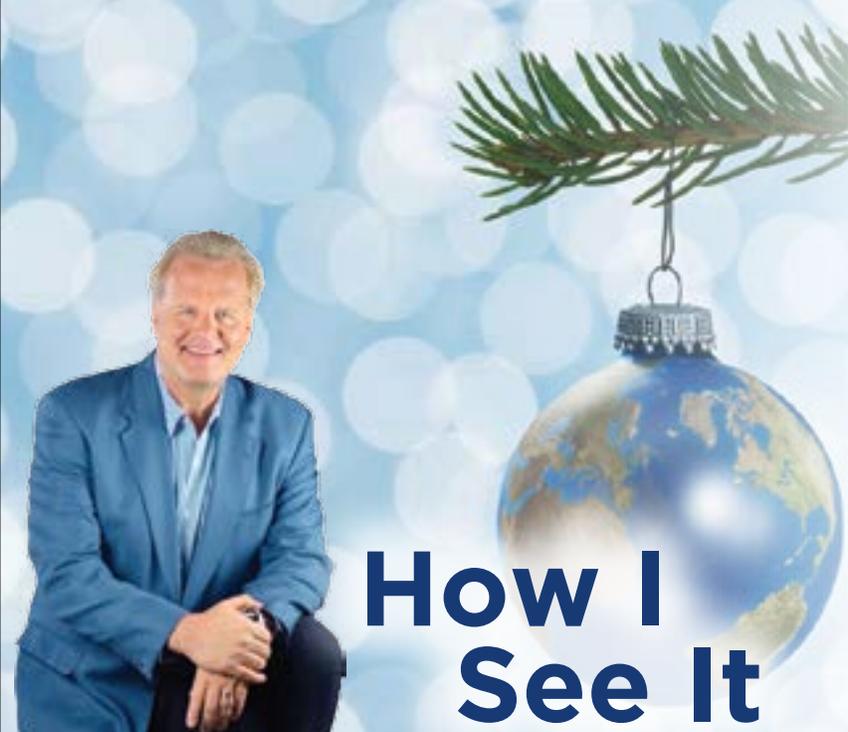
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How I See It

Christmas and the God, who is humble.

Christmas is the story of God who enters human history as a baby. Deities are often described as lofty, remote, out of touch, but in the Gospel the incarnation happens in a most unpretentious stable. Christmas is about God, who wants to unite with us, but it is more than a desire - God is willing to humble Himself, and to endure enormous suffering to accomplish this union.

Typically God is described as a towering omnipotent, an unapproachable presence in constant need of appeasement. Such a God usually exists in a sphere that is separated from us, preoccupied and only interested in human affairs if there is some praise to be gained for the deity. Christmas is about God, who is not a self-centered taker, but a giver that is closer than a brother; the mere concept of an untouchable deity is anathema to Christmas. Instead, we see God, preoccupied with love for us, and moved by concern for our welfare, determined to bless us with abundant life.

When I grew up my family used to read the Christmas story from Luke chapter two. That is the classic with the shepherds, Mary, Joseph, and the innkeeper. I still enjoy that story, but John's gospel has grown on me over the years. He simply says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1), and "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

This casts a greater vision of God, incarnated in the person of Jesus, in the eternal plan for His creation. Jesus' coming was not an afterthought, but purposed from before the beginning. Nothing, not the universe, our solar system, or the human race itself is eternal. There was a time, before time, when all of these were "not". What was then? There was God, "the word",

the Christ, who “in the fullness of time” became flesh 2000 years ago. The limitless God, who always loved us, has come to be with us. The shepherds received the message, and “ran for joy”. In the shopping malls across our land we will hear the strains of “Joy to the world”, and once again, “the humble will hear of it and be glad”.

Humble Giving

Speaking of humility, giving is a spiritual act from a humble heart. When I take the resource that I have control over and give for the gospel, I do so in humble dependence on God, who promised to “give seed to the sower”, and that a generous seed will bring a generous harvest. “God so loved that he gave”. There you have it:

It's possible to give without loving, but it's not possible to love without giving.

Look at the giving opportunities on pages 19-22. Many are still waiting for the good news. Pray for the 10 Gospel campaigns already for 2019.

Thank you for your participation!



Pastor Anthony Greco gave a powerful message at the Partners' Banquet.

Partners Conference

Personally, one of the highlights this fall was the Partners Conference when so many of our friends and supporters joined. Pastor Anthony Greco preached a great message stirring our hearts to take the Gospel to the world. I felt really like I was in the presence of family and precious friends as I shared the vision for the World Impact Gospel Seminary and how we plan to expand reaching the world by adding more evangelists and also more international Bible school campuses.

WIBI 10th Anniversary In Indonesia

Make sure you take a look at the photos on page 18 where we take notice of the 10th Anniversary of the Bible School in Indonesia. Hundreds of students have graduated and are doing a great work for the Gospel.

Canada Tour

We are excited to meet new and old friends this spring as we tour many Canadian cities. Look at the schedule on the back page and reserve your seat right away. You can also check on our website to see the exact venues where these meetings will be held.

Taina and I and all the World Impact Ministries staff and mission workers send our wishes for a very joyous Christmas and a New Year of opportunities to love, to give and to prosper. *-Pastor*

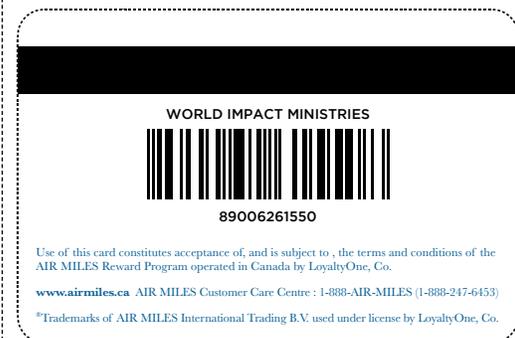
Front Page

When Taina and I left the platform after the last service in Merauke, suddenly the Muslim woman that you see standing with us appeared. She held up two x-rays, one showed the bones in her neck, fractured and misaligned, and the second x-ray showed the same bones in perfect alignment.

She proceeded to tell us how Jesus had healed her earlier in the week and how she had gone to the hospital to receive proof that what she had experience in her body could also be shown on an x-ray. Mikey Hillier was right there and I asked him to take a picture so that we would remember that brief moment of testimony.

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REDISCOVER the POWER of PRAYER

by Peter Youngren

Jesus' shocking words,
hypocrites love to pray,
can jolt believers into a
discovery of a meaningful
and powerful new
prayer life



Jesus' first recorded words on prayer are startling, to say the least, *Hypocrites love to pray*. After all, what could be a greater sign of dedication and spiritual fervour than prayer? All religions consider prayer to be of paramount importance, and for believers it is a privilege to communicate with God without an intermediary. Yet, Jesus warns that prayer can be hypocritical. Look at the exact words: *When you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites ...for they love to pray*, Mt 6:5. Jesus highlights two characteristics of hypocritical prayer:

- Hypocrites pray using repetitious words.
- Hypocrites believe long prayers are better than short.

Many Christians feel that their prayers are inadequate and they admire those, who claim to be *prayer warriors* and *intercessors*. Years ago I attended a weekly prayer meeting, where one of the pastors would pray out loud for nearly one hour. Needless to say, when he finished, others felt that their prayers would not amount to much, and the meeting ended quickly. Jesus explains the temptation of hypocrisy; *that they may be seen by people*. Clearly the temptation is especially dangerous in public prayer. Jesus is not against public prayer per se, for he prayed publicly, but he is addressing a subtle attitude of pride. Prayer can become an idol, a 'cure all', a human performance, whereby we make ourselves look spiritual. Jesus taught that prayer is not a tool for self-aggrandizement, or a religious activity to be carried out as a show of spirituality. Long prayers are not better than short, and many words are not preferred over a few. This cut against the prevailing thought in all religions, but Jesus explained:

For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

Here is an insight; our prayers do not change God, for God already knows what we need. Further, the words of Simon Peter are applicable; "all things that pertain to life and godliness have been given to us", and we discover these spiritual riches by growing 'in the knowledge of Jesus'. 2 Peter 1:3

Some may wonder: "Peter, if we already have everything in Christ, why should we even pray?" Stay with me, I will get to that in a moment, but first, let's dig a little deeper into this truth that prayer is not about getting God to give, but to *appropriate* what He has already given.

When we pray the prayer of salvation, we do not ask God to provide salvation at that moment, but rather we believe in our heart that Christ is alive and confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord. We simply acknowledge what God has provid-

ed through Christ, and the Holy Spirit, often in that very moment, gives an inner witness that we are God's children. Is this for the prayer of salvation only? No, we read: *As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him*. Colossians 2:6 The way we received Christ is the way forward in every area. This changes our prayers:

1. We no longer ask God to do what he has already done.
2. We no longer ask God to do what he has empowered us to do.

My prayer life

Prayers like, "God shake our land", "God move in our city", or "God reveal your glory", become irrelevant once we discover that God has empowered us – the believers – to shake countries and cities. That's why the Holy Spirit came; to give believers power to turn the world right side up. God revealed his glory when he sent Christ who is full of glory. Instead of asking God to send blessings, we focus on the **ONE** God sent.

My prayer life is not to tell God what to do, but to allow God to correct, align and synchronize my thoughts with his thoughts. My mind may have been influenced by contrary voices, telling me that I am unable, powerless and helpless. Prayer crystallizes that indeed, without Christ, I am insufficient, but the reality is that Christ is in me, that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, and I am more than a conqueror. My

prayers are a grateful acknowledgement of Christ's provision, not an attempt to bombard heaven's throne room to move God to do something for me.

In our Gospel Festivals, I could easily become burdened and overwhelmed by the needs of the people, which in turn would cause me to beg and plead for God to heal and save. Such prayers may sound very spiritual, but in reality they contradict the gospel. With my mind aligned with God's provision, I pray: "Father, I thank you that you have given me every blessing and the anointing I need. Thank you that the life of Christ flows out from me to help hurting people".

I compare prayer with my relationship with Taina. We spend our lives together and communicate throughout the day. Imagine the stress if we would try to jam all communication into a 30 minute segment late at night just before we go to bed, I would ask Taina to do all kinds of things, trying to rush through what I had to say and try to listen to her at the same time. This would be unnatural. Prayer is continual communication, as natural as breathing. Certainly, there are times of

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extra listening and speaking, but the communication itself is never interrupted - prayer without ceasing.

Intercession: Abraham or Jesus?

Sadly, *intercession* is one of the most misunderstood words in the Bible, sometimes resulting in grotesque prayer styles, as sincere believers try to imitate prayers found in the Old Testament rather than those in the book of Acts and in the epistles by John, Paul and Peter. One famous example is when Abraham asked God if there were 50 righteous, would God save the city? Abraham continued; what if there were 40 righteous, then 30 or only 10 righteous? Each time God responded in the affirmative, and yet the city was destroyed. Compare that to Jesus Christ, who negotiated the world's salvation, not on the basis if there were fifty or ten righteous, but rather if there was *not one righteous, no, not one*. While we learn from Abraham's intercession, it failed to save the city, but where Abraham failed, Jesus succeeded. Today, our hope is not in our ability to pray like Abraham, but in Christ's victory.

Jesus and 2 Chronicles 7:14?

In 2nd Chronicles 7:14, King Solomon asks God to be heard from heaven, to heal the land and to forgive the people's sins. The prayer has three conditions: the people must humble themselves, seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways. Again, this prayer did not bring the results that Solomon desired, and not long after the people of Israel became captives. Here is good news; Solomon's prayer was answered by Jesus:

1. God was heard from heaven when he sent Jesus Christ.
2. All healing needed has been provided through Christ's death and resurrection.
3. All forgiveness of sin needed has been provided through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Hear me; God doesn't need to send anything more, for when God sent Jesus Christ he sent everything that heaven had to offer. All talk about that heaven is closed and needs to be opened is outdated; that mind-set belongs to the time before Christ's resurrection. If heaven seems closed, it is because our minds are darkened, we have not yet discovered the truth.

Here many have missed it. We hear continual calls to prayer, based on 2nd Chronicles 7:14, as if by our effort would be able to accomplish what Solomon and the people of Israel could not. What futility! There's a tendency that no matter what negative event that occurs, we are told that the remedy is more prayer. If there's a terror attack or if morals are in decay,

if there are crimes in our neighbourhoods, or if churches are in decline, again, pray more. Prayer is an invaluable tool, but it can become an activity all to itself. A better response to problems would be to ask God to help us to communicate the gospel more effectively. Prayer is not a replacement for sharing the Gospel, but in prayer we are enlightened that we have the power to change our nation. Prayer, as wonderful as it is, doesn't change nations or cities – the Gospel does.

Ask boldly

So why should we pray, since everything we need has been provided? I've already stated one major purpose of prayer; through fellowship with our heavenly father our thoughts and ideas are synchronized with God's. Then we have the enormous privilege of boldly making our requests known to God to "come boldly before the throne of grace." When we ask God for help or wisdom, that request is from a position of assurance that we have what we ask for. It is impossible to receive anything from God, unless God has already provided it. No amount of begging or pleading would get God to do something that is not included in Christ. When I ask God for help, guidance and wisdom, I do so in full assurance. It is akin to if I told someone, 'you

can have my car whenever you want'. Then if the person asked me for the car keys it would not be from a position of pleading and begging but merely appropriating that which he knows has already been given. Without this assurance in prayer it would be impossible to be bold. We would then

always be wondering if God wants to give or not. Now instead we have the privilege to pray boldly.

Prayer changes me!

There's a popular saying, "prayer changes things", but it is better to say prayer changes us and then we change things. One popular expression plays on the acronym PUSH [Pray Until Something Happens]. It would be more in line with the gospel to say; pray until you discover that God has equipped YOU to make something happen. Prayers like, "God anoint me, bless me and fill me" sound fine, but the need is for a prayer revolution where we discover that *we have an anointing from the Holy One, we have been blessed with every blessing, and we are filled with God's fullness*. Paul prayed this for the Ephesians that the eyes of their understanding would be opened to see the riches of their spiritual inheritance. Their problem was not that they didn't have spiritual riches; they didn't see what they had.

It's time to break out of the rut of pleading, begging prayers, and step in to the prayer style where our requests are synchronized with God's, and as a result we are strengthened and empowered to change our world. ✨

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The World Impact Gospel Seminary will be housed in a renovated and expanded Toronto Pavilion.

Project Gospel Advancement

By Peter Youngren

Jesus gave a clear mandate – reach the world. Yet today we are far from the completion of that assignment. As a young minister, the phrase, ‘dare to face reality’ caught my attention. I never wanted to live under pretense but face things as they are. That is why I look at the facts of world evangelism straight on and those facts are not pretty. Of all money raised for Christian churches and ministries, only \$1 out of \$1000 goes to reach more than half of the world without the Gospel. This is more than statistics; I’ve met many people without Christ, some live in remote jungles and some within a stone’s throw distance from a Dunkin Donuts and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Sometimes Coca Cola got their message around the world while the good news of Jesus stayed behind the four walls of the church.

The great financial investment is... to finish the task that Jesus gave us.

Here are some realities:

Reality #1: What Jesus did is for the entire world, for every person regardless of culture or religion.

Reality #2: Every believer is in the ministry. “Go ye” is for all believers.

Reality #3: The Holy Spirit has given us power to be witnesses to the “ends of the earth”, Acts 1:8.

Reality #4: For centuries, the church forgot the Great Commission, preoccupied with legalism, self-centeredness and church politics.

Reality #5: Today the challenge of billions without the Gospel remains.

This is the deep underlying reason for **Project Gospel Advancement**. What does it mean practically?

1. We will establish World Impact Gospel Seminary to be a force to change history.

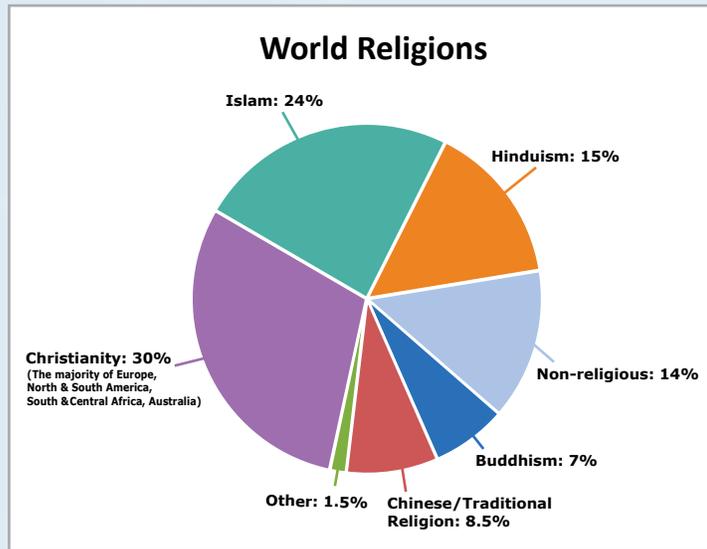
World Impact Bible Institute has been operating since 1988 but is now being changed into a degree granting institution of higher education. Ninety-six courses will



Peter Youngren and Nathan Thurber at the rear of the Toronto Pavilion where the Library and Research Center will be built.

be taught and an application has been made to the government for the Seminary to grant a Bachelor's degree in Theology & Christian Ministry. Once this is in place, we will pursue further accreditation.

The overriding purpose is to prepare Christian leaders and to provide a research department concerning the standing of the Gospel in the world.



2. World Impact Bible Institute campuses will expand from 3 to 10 strategic locations.

Current campuses in Tanzania, Kenya and Indonesia continue to produce full-time pastors and missionaries. Over the next few years, these campuses will increase.

3. Media and Gospel Festivals to accelerate.

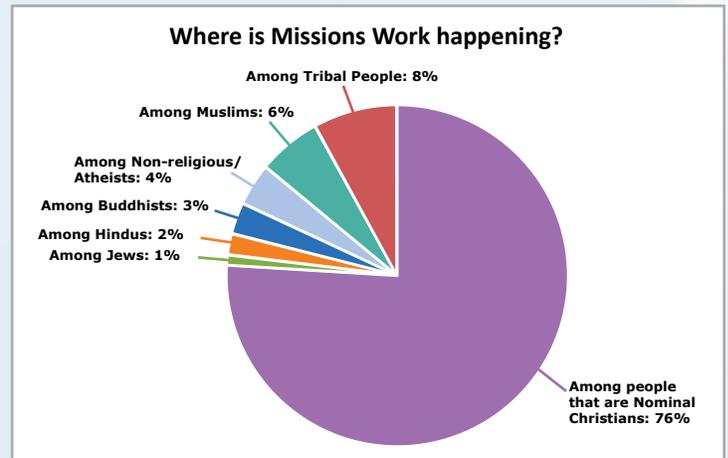
During 2019, we have 10 Gospel festivals planned, double the amount of 2018. We are adding Associate Evangelists and I look forward to the day when we will have 100 full-time evangelists doing Gospel festivals.

4. Equipping pastors.

To date, 375,200 pastors and leaders have been trained in Gospel Revolution Seminars. The *World Impact Alliance*, a fellowship where pastors and leaders can receive continual training, will be available to them. World Impact Alliance is also registered in Canada with the ability to offer credentials of ordination and ministerial license.

5. More effective outreach to political and religious leaders.

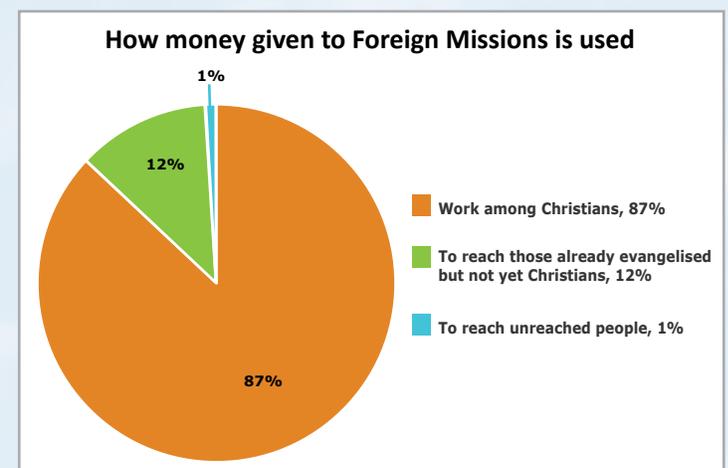
Maybe the most unique aspect of this ministry is the systematic outreach to political and



religious leaders from non-Christian cultures. Our Friendship Dinners reach Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim leaders of various political parties and many in high leadership within their religion to go beyond the initial presentation of the Gospel. We are now ready for the next step to provide continual ongoing Gospel influence into the lives of these leaders.

Why Now?

Jesus said, 'Don't you have a saying it is still four months until harvest. I tell you open your eyes and look at the fields, they are ripe for harvest now' - John 4:35. The words sound loud and clear - this is not the time for delay! The world is up for grabs! Never have so many voices and opinions clamored for our attention. Our task is to open people's eyes to the reality of what Jesus Christ has done. Jesus made it clear that people are not resistant but that the problem is the lack of workers. 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into his harvest field' - Matthew 9:37-38.



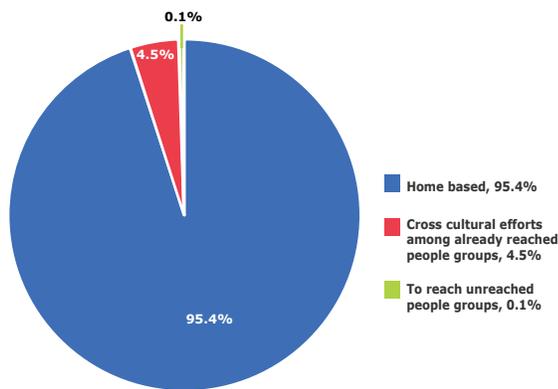
300 COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED



PETER YOUNGREN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY COUNCIL

Peter Youngren has initiated an International Ministry Council for a special relationship with partners who are able to give \$10,000 annually. This together with the VIP Family of supporters will propel Project Gospel Advancement to financial victory. The purpose is to equip an army of Gospel workers to win the world to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in the International Ministry Council, please contact Dean Morris at deanm@peteryoungren.org and you will receive an attractive folder with information. This will also give you an opportunity to pray about what the Lord wants you to do.

How money given to Churches/Christian Ministries is used



Largest Financial Opportunity

Project Gospel Advancement is the largest financial undertaking in the history of the ministry. To facilitate the World Impact Gospel Seminary, renovations are needed. Already the Toronto Celebration Church has renovated the main auditorium, seating 1,100, but more classrooms must be added, as well as a **Library and Study Center**. \$7 million will be needed over the next three years to expand the Bible school campuses in the 10 strategic locations, to add many more evangelists and many more Gospel Festivals each year, plus the expenses with the World Impact Gospel Seminary. The physical building is only an initial expense, but the great financial investment is the ongoing evangelism outreaches to finish the task that Jesus gave us. Millions and billions of dollars are put into Christian buildings worldwide and yet so little is put into actual Gospel work. We are looking to change this.

Gospel Library & Study Center

The immediate need is for state-of-the-art

Library & Study Center. Equipped with the latest in computer technology, this will be the nerve center where students will be able to fine-tune and pursue the areas of calling that God has put in their life. Our mandate is to equip others just like the Apostle Paul equipped Timothy, and Timothy in turn equipped others.

Partners, our legacy will be that we together raise up a generation of Gospel workers to finish the Great Commission. Every man, woman, boy and girl must hear the Gospel.

With your special gift of \$500 or more for the Library and Study Center, we will set aside space for your name or your family's name on a bronze plaque mounted on our **Wall of Victory**. Be a part of this Gospel Advancement that will continue to reach people for generations to come. 🍁



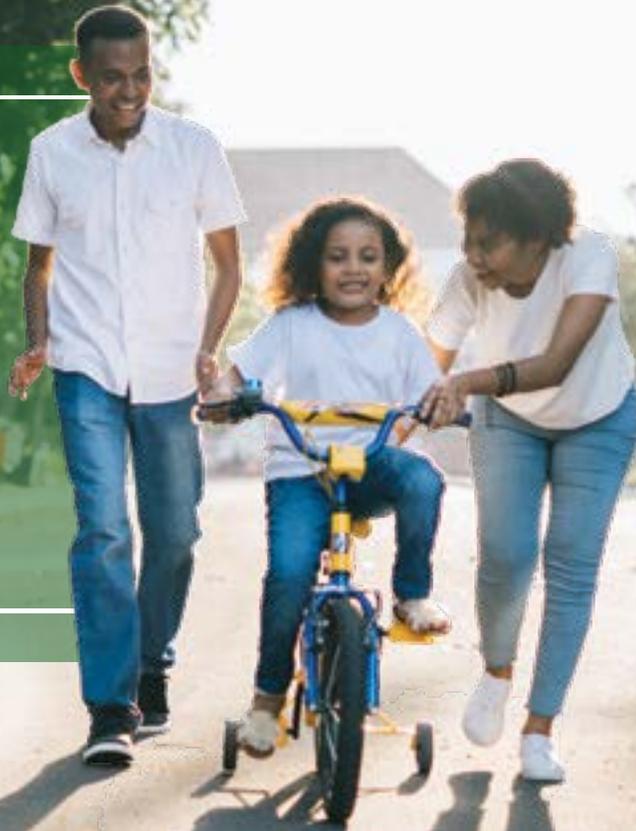
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For World Evangelism Facts with sources see www.peteryoungren.org/world-evangelism-facts

Protect Your Health, Family and Finances

By Nathan Thurber

“Protect your Secret Place—God will protect you” was a promise for ancient Israel, and it is true today, but the promise comes with a caution.



IN the Old Covenant, the Hebrew people had a *secret place*. It was the place where God lived, inside the temple. The Ark of the Covenant was the only enclosed piece of furniture covered by a Mercy Seat. In other words, the visible sign of God on earth was a Mercy Seat. God wanted to be known as merciful. When their secret place was safe, they allowed God to keep them safe.

We do not need a GPS to locate our “secret place”. It is in our heart. *“You are God’s temple and God’s Spirit lives in you...”* (1 Corinthians 3:16). Our promise of protection is greater, but the word of caution remains, because our heart, our secret place, must be shielded and defended. Since Jesus, our Mercy Seat, lives in us (Romans 3:24-25), *our secret place* is reserved for the knowledge of God’s mercy and grace (Hebrews 13:9).

Dark times ensued when the Hebrews let the enemy into their secret place. A Hebrew king, David, took the throne when the Ark was held captive, and his first act as king was to bring it back, restoring the secret place (1 Chronicles 13:3). King David was called *“a man*

after God’s own heart.” David was flawed, and yet accomplished the most. Perfect lives were not required for God’s protection. They just had to protect their secret place.

Today, our enemies are not flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). Fear, offense, bitterness, rejection, hurt and worry are our enemies. Jesus never said we would not face enemies but quite the opposite. He said that we must keep them out of our secret place (Matthew 6:25-34; Mark 11:25). We do not have to live perfectly for God to bless; His blessing is by grace alone. We must, however, *guard our secret place* (Proverbs 4:23).

Our *secret place* is like a boat on the ocean. A storm can suddenly arise, and you say: *“I didn’t see that coming!”* You are surrounded for miles by big, dark waves. The storm rages, with no hope in sight, but your boat will not sink so long as the water stays on the outside. In the same way, so long as our enemy stays on the outside of your secret place, our life will not sink.

God has given you a topnotch security

system, which is peace (John 14:27). His peace is far greater than the security detail for any head of state. It exceeds anything we can understand (Philippians 4:7) and is not dependent on the circumstance. It is robust and strong, with a lifetime contract. An absence of peace, however, is a sign that we have not protected our secret place. Peace is activated when we dwell on God’s mercy and favor (Philippians 4:8). Keep your security system switched on. Allow God to protect you.

Our life depends on our secret place. Our life flows out of our heart (Proverbs 4:23). In the natural, if your well water is contaminated, everyone who drinks from it will become sick. In the same way, if we allow the poison of fear, offense, bitterness, hurt and worry to infect our heart, our life will be contaminated. If, however, an awareness of God’s mercy fills our secret place, our life will be marked by His favor and protection. Choose wisely what you allow in your *secret place*. ✨

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The Gospel advances in spite of massive societal shifts



Merauke Facts

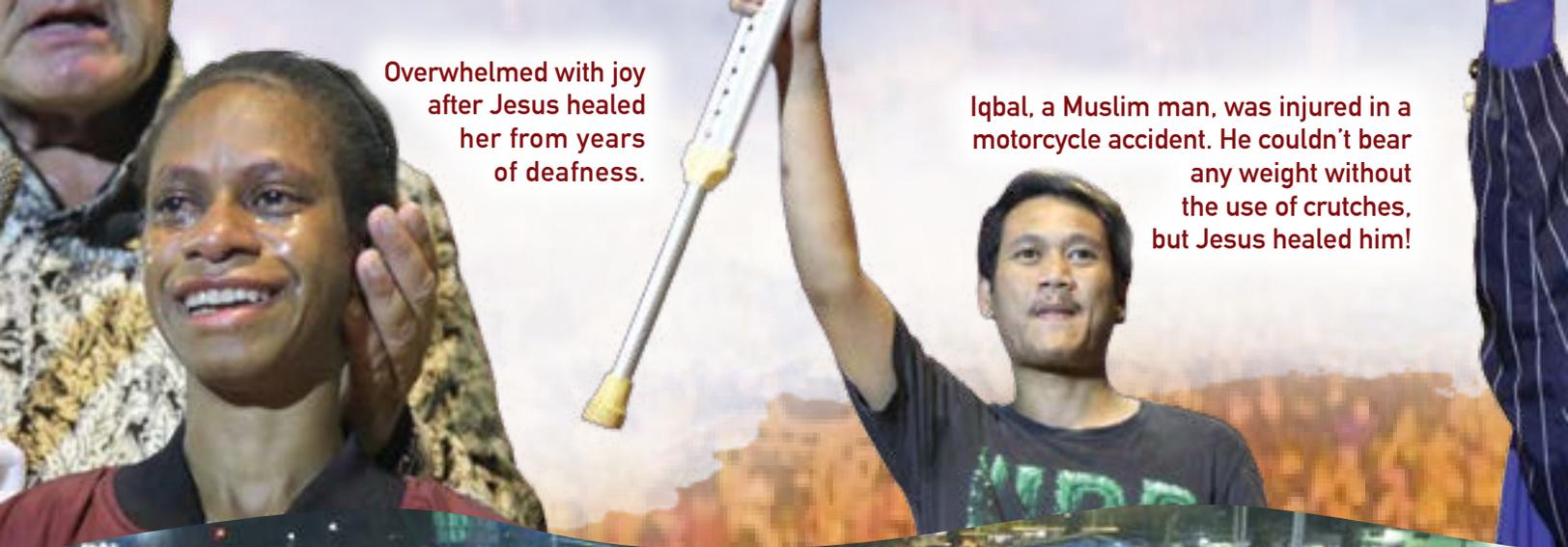
Located in the easternmost part of Indonesia Merauke has seen a large transmigration program, causing the Muslim population to grow from 5% (50 years ago) to more than 75% today. The population is a mixture of traditional tribes and immigrants from Java, Sumatra and Sulawesi. Regardless of background and culture the people showed a great openness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Muslim Students Impacted

Everyone in Merauke City is talking about the Festival and people are so happy! I'm a teacher in a school where many Muslims attend. Before this Festival I could never mention Jesus' name but now everyone is talking about Jesus. I also helped on the platform to test the people that had been healed so I know personally the tremendous joy that came to their hearts. Many Muslims who were not physically sick attended just to see what God was doing. People heard stories of what the Lord had done the previous nights and then they attended the following service only to experience it for themselves!



Murni. High school teacher



Overwhelmed with joy after Jesus healed her from years of deafness.

Iqbal, a Muslim man, was injured in a motorcycle accident. He couldn't bear any weight without the use of crutches, but Jesus healed him!



“Seeing people receive Christ was exciting as many people didn't have understanding about God, who loves them. Healings were remarkable – signs and wonders witness that Jesus is alive today. When tumors disappear as they did in Merauke, it is a great testimony of Christ's life!” - **Taina Youngren**

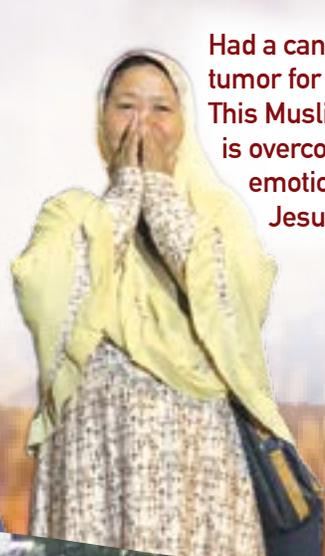


Moment of joy between Taina and Muslim woman who testified she was healed of a 6 inch tumor.

Sisca was in an auto accident that left her handicapped. She had secretly asked God everyday for 9 months to heal her. Full of joy, she told how Jesus healed her at the Festival!



Muslim lady healed from a stroke.



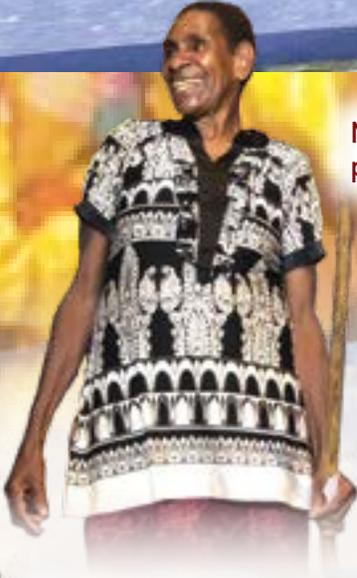
Had a cancerous tumor for 10 years. This Muslim woman is overcome with emotions after Jesus healed her.



Many testified of healing in their eye sight.



Thousands responded to the salvation call night after night in Merauke.



No longer paralyzed.

“I was amazed to see so many Muslims. There truly is nothing like seeing people of all cultures experience the love and power of Jesus, found in the Gospel.” - **Dean Morris**



Tumor vanished in Christ's name.



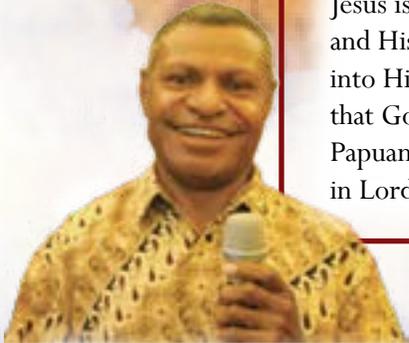
Once deaf, now hears!

Just like so many, I lived under constant guilt. If something bad happens, we immediately think we caused it and we did something bad and God is punishing us. After listening to Pastor Peter teach, I am totally free. As a result of the freedom coming, I have also been healed in my leg. Now I know that Jesus Christ loves me unconditionally - **Pastor Ronny**



Nearly 800 pastors and leaders participated in the Pastor's Seminar.

Jesus is awesome and powerful, and His gospel brings people into His grace. I really feel that God is working to restore Papuan people to be truly free in Lord Jesus. - **Pastor Silwanus**



God opened my understanding that we no longer live in the old covenant, we are called to preach the Gospel. - **Local Church Leader**



“There’s amazement among us pastors, because we’ve never seen anyone share the gospel with Muslims the way that Pastor Peter Youngren does, and how they receive his message.”



Pastor Peter and Taina together with the mayor of Merauke and top Muslim leaders.

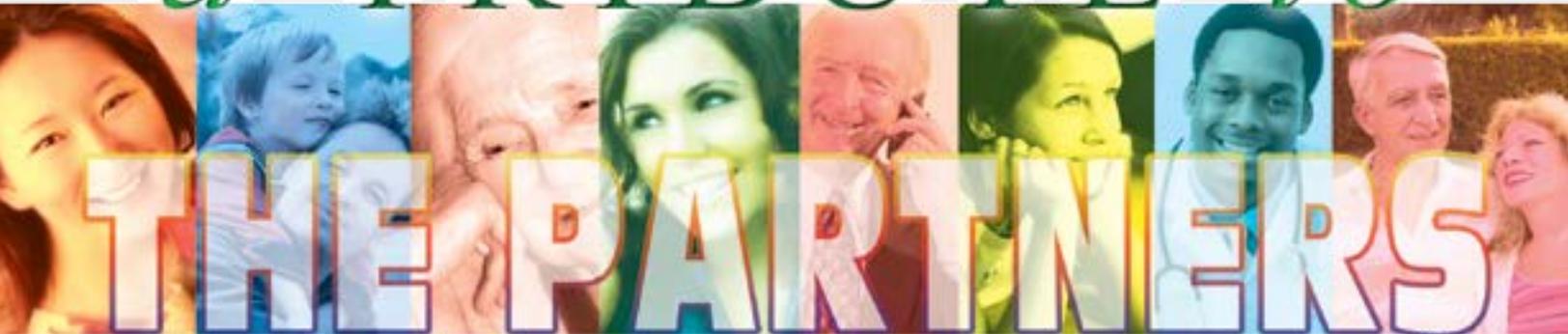


Jakob met with local Muslim leaders in the 5,000 seat Al Aqsa Mosque, the largest mosque in the eastern Indonesian province.



Where in the world do you have a worship group dress like these in traditional costume?

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by Peter Youngren

“ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. ”

Partnership is not a fund-raising idea.... it is a “GOD IDEA.” It is much more than merely “supporting” or “contributing” to a ministry. Years ago I came across this awesome truth, illustrated in the story of David and his mighty men. We read in 1 Sam 30:24 “But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.” Notice “*they shall share alike*”. When we advance the gospel, partner, you and I, we share alike.

David experienced many pressures. After a long day of battle, David and his warriors reached the brook Besor. 200 of David’s men were so exhausted they simply could not continue. David ordered them to rest because they had already given all they had in the heat of the battle. The other men continued to pursue and defeat the enemy. Later when the army returned, with the spoils of war, some of the fighting men were reluctant to share the spoils with those who had stayed by the brook. They said, “Because they didn’t go with us we will not give them any of the spoil

that we have recovered” (vs.22). That is when David gave this “statute” and “ordinance” to this day (vs.25).

What was that statute and ordinance? Simply put, the one who supplied the material was to share equally with the front line soldier in the spoils of war.

What does this have to do with your partnership with World Impact Ministries? LOTS!

We are partners in the army of King Jesus. Our mission is not to defeat the devil, but to enforce the victory that Jesus has already won. Our King is greater and our victory is not only more sure- it is already won.

Partners are rewarded. If God made sure that those who fought in a physical war in the Old Covenant received their reward, how much more will we, who are in this great Gospel advancement. Partner, you are an integral part, you share in the reward when millions of souls are reached for Christ.

Partners are active participants. Just like the soldiers in David’s army gave it all for victory, we stand together giving our all because of what Christ has already done. We love *because* he loved

us first. We reach out *because* His love reached our hearts. We believe *because* His faith has come into our hearts.

How do we participate in this victory? Jesus said, “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.” (Mt 10:41) Notice how your reward is multiplied because you have received a “prophet” and a “righteous” man.

This corroborates what Paul said to the Philippians about partnership, that “you are all partakers of my grace.” (Philippians 1:7) He was not speaking of saving grace, but about the *grace for our assignment*. Paul had the grace of God upon his life to open nations to the gospel. Every Philippian believer who participated in partnership through their prayers and giving, was participating in the grace that God had put on the Apostle Paul.

Partner, review this magazine with the reports from around the world, see what God has done and recognize that you are a partaker in this grace. Thank you for your love, your prayers and your gifts.



A DEFINING MOMENT

Dean Morris' Gospel campaign in Kurik, Indonesia didn't disappoint as non-Christians by the thousands responded to the gospel.

It was a first for Kurik, Indonesia, a town two hours from any major road, where Christ was proclaimed in large open field to people from other walks of life. It was also a first for Dean Morris. Though preaching for 10 years, this was his first time to stand in front of a crowd of non-Christians, who were not going to believe unless they would see the message of Jesus Christ confirmed with miracles. This was very different from preaching on a Sunday morning in front of an enthusiastic group of believers.

The results were not to disappoint, faith rose in the hearts of the people and many lives were changed. When the invitation to receive Jesus was given, thousands responded. Viola Boyen, head government official, said "This truly is a defining moment of unity that will forever change our community."



Night after night, thousands responded to receive Christ.



People from all religions experienced healing; blind eyes opened, deaf ears were unstopped, and many walked for the first time in years! One such story was an 18-year-old girl, overcome with tears and smiles all at once. Her mother told the crowd that her daughter was bilaterally deaf since birth and that Jesus opened her ears! The crowd, hands raised high towards the sky, wildly shouted after each testimony.

Dean Morris is an Associate Minister with World Impact Ministries. Leading up to the Friendship Festival in Kurik, he had spent a lot of time being mentored by Peter Youngren, to prepare himself for what was to come.

Peter commented, “with the launch of the Project Gospel Advancement vision, I’m expecting to see 10, then 30, then 100 international Gospel workers, who will conduct Festivals just like what Dean did. World Impact Ministries is accelerating to reach more people than ever.”

Maybe the Kurik campaign is best summed up by Mikey Hillier, from Cleveland Ohio: “There were so many people healed, we couldn’t count them all. This is unlike anything I have ever seen.” 🌸

Advancements in Ethiopia

Currently riddled with violence, the cities of Jimma and Ziway, Ethiopia have experienced thousands flee for safety. Every week brings news of continued violence and loss of life as guerrilla fighters control much of the rural area. Even though the situation seems dire, Jakob Wendesten has been on the ground preparing for Peter Youngren’s upcoming Friendship Festivals.

With many, especially Christians, living in perpetual fear, the Friendship Festivals will greatly influence the cities with the love of God. “The pastors are beyond excited and believe that these two festivals in Ethiopia will be historic,” Jakob explained.

A great challenge has been that Christians have been forbidden to hold large scale events for many years, but much substantial progress has been made. Jakob reported on a great meeting with the mayor of Jimma, “permission will be granted as soon as the turbulence has calmed down. Continue to pray for this.”



Jakob visiting a local Muslim leader



Jakob with the mayor of Jimma

Both of these Muslims were healed; one from two years of blindness and the other from debilitating pain that kept her from walking.



18-year-old girl who was bilaterally deaf since birth



Deaf for over a year, he now hears!

Are You An Evangelist?

In conjunction with World Impact Gospel Seminary launching in September 2019, there will be a teaching track for future evangelists. I will mentor and train together with others who have experience and knowledge to impart. The training will lead to an opportunity for a full-fledged Gospel Festival where qualified students can test their calling and see for themselves how God has equipped them to touch non-Christians with the Gospel.



Please use the enclosed response form to indicate your interest in World Impact Gospel Seminary and in the special evangelists’ training, or email evangelist@petryoungren.org.

Buddhist Leaders Ready For Myanmar Friendship Festival

Jakob Wendesten is currently in Taunggyi, Myanmar making final preparations for Pastor Peter's Friendship Festival, which will begin in just a few days. There is great anticipation as this will be the first Gospel festival experienced in the region.

With only 14 churches and less than 1% of the population identifying as Christian, the process to get all of the necessary permits was complicated, yet great favor was found. The Buddhist leaders, predominant influencers of the city, warmly welcomed Jakob and have been a great help to make this festival a reality.



Jakob said, "The pastors are overwhelmed with joy and eagerness and I have been invited by the top Buddhist, Muslim and Hindu leaders to their mosques and temples so that we could develop more meaningful dialogue. They are very receptive and welcome Pastor Peter to Taunggyi."

Jakob sharing Friendship Festival details with a local Buddhist leader.



WIBI Indonesia Celebrates 10 Years of Ministry!

World Impact Bible Institute Indonesia celebrates 10 years of equipping students. Excitement continues to grow as plans to expand the WIBI facility are underway. Year after year, new students enroll and graduates step into amazing opportunities. Susan Hoover, director of WIBI Indonesia, said "The works our alumni are involved with amaze me. We currently have 20+ alumni directly under us doing missions, reaching the unreached!"

This wouldn't be possible without partners Peter Youngren commented, "Thank you to all the partners who have helped. Your gifts and prayers are responsible for the great fruit we have seen through World Impact Bible Institute Indonesia. Only eternity will fully give an account of what your giving has accomplished."

Peter continues, "Little did I know, when we commissioned Susan to Indonesia, how God would use her to touch so many lives! We are so proud of how the Lord has worked through Susan and her husband, Kevin."



Graduates are prayed for as they embrace Gospel opportunities.



Susan Hoover recognizing one of the many outstanding alumni students.

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WIM has given out more than 17 million follow-up booklets to new believers. Often these booklets are taken hundreds of miles away, where they are shared with an entire village.

- With your gift of **\$75**, 300 new believers will receive a salvation booklet or give **\$300** to bless 1200 new believers.



\$500

Sponsor Library and Study Center

Help prepare the next generation to be equipped to advance the Gospel. 250 partners are needed to give \$500 each to finish this study center. Your gift will be legacy to the next generation.

- With your gift of **\$500**, your name will be placed on the Wall of Victory.

Sponsor 1 Bible College Student

World Impact Bible Institute empowers and equips students. Your support of a student in Indonesia or Africa will provide an opportunity to learn and develop their God-given potential. Many come from areas where they have little or no financial means. Your support includes training, food and accommodations.



\$110

\$330

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- \$110 sponsors a student for one month
- \$330 sponsors a student for one semester
- \$990 sponsors a student for one year (one academic year is three semesters)

Support an International Missionary

Once students graduate from the World Impact Bible Institute, many have the opportunity to spend time on the mission field. Your giving will make this possible.



\$200

\$2,400

- \$200 will sponsor an international missionary for one month.
- \$2,400 will sponsor an international missionary for one year.

Sponsor a Gospel Bus-load

In many countries, we send buses to areas outside the main city areas that are populated by non-Christians; Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims. Typically, each bus transports 50 people and 90% or more end up receiving Christ!



\$70

\$350

- \$70 will pay for a bus for one night.
- \$350 will provide a bus for an entire week.

Reach 100 People with the Gospel

There is much time, work, and advertising that makes a festival happen. Without proper advertising such as handbills, billboards, posters, and speaker cars, people will not know about the festival.



\$125

- Your gift of \$125 sponsors 100 people to be reached.



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Give Gospel Enlightenment

The Enlightenment tract has been given out to over 542,000 people this year. With topics such as God's love, forgiveness, why Jesus died, and eternal life. This tract will help reach people with the Gospel!

\$75

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- \$50 will give an Enlightenment book to 200 people
- \$75 will give an Enlightenment book to 300 people
- \$250 will give an Enlightenment book to 1000 people



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Sponsor an International TV Program

"You Are Loved" now airs in India, the Middle East, and Indonesia; a great way to use multi-media to reach people.

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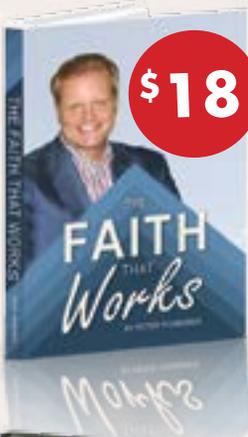
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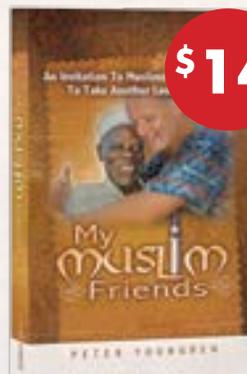
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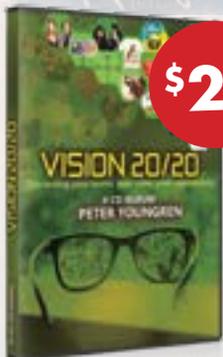
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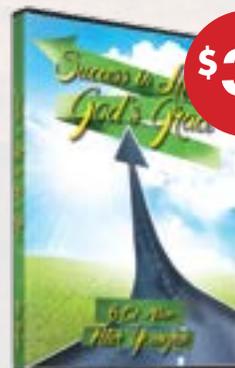
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Last Word With Taina



God – Beyond Gender Distinction

HAVE you ever imagined God’s appearance? We probably all used to think about God as a Father; the ultimate male caretaker of humankind. But could God be described as a woman? According to the Bible, God is a Spirit, beyond distinction of a gender.

You may have noticed that Jesus showed great respect towards women; He abolished the stereotypes of the day. Interestingly Jesus described God as a woman, when He said; *“What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’”* Luke 15:8-9.

Imagine this woman, lamp in one hand, broom in the other, searching, sweeping, not giving up, until she finds

the lost coin. It is through the woman’s actions and attitude that we realize the immense value of the coin (us). The story is a depiction of God, who made a lot of fuss about each one of us (coins) by sending Jesus to show us who God is, and as importantly – who we are.

There are varying opinions about God, including among Christians. In society at large, opinions about gender are hot and divisive. Father? Mother? Male? Female? One thing is certain – Jesus Christ removed all discrimination between genders, people groups and nations. He came for *the world*.

God is infinitely greater than “mother” or “father”, or any words that define our political language or hierarchical landscape, and this God lovingly reaches to every person. This is the message of the Gospel; God sees immense value in each person. God

will seek and restore us to the place of belonging where we were always intended to be.

In the midst of busy holiday season preparations and plans, let’s remember that God has good intentions for all people. From God’s point of view we were all at one time “coins” that were lost. Maybe you are thinking about a certain relative that you will meet on Christmas Day, someone with whom you have found it difficult to socialize as opinions, beliefs and values seem to collide. Please meditate the story about the Woman, who rejoiced so much over the found coin that she arranged a party for her friends and neighbors. Remember that every person, including that difficult one, is a “coin” to whom God ascribes infinite value.

Merry Christmas and joyous New Year’s to everyone! ❁

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