

Freedom's Gate

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LOOK WHAT HE HAS DONE!

It gives us great joy to greet you all in this new year and to reflect on God's faithfulness during the year 2006. Indeed God was, is, and will always be faithful. During the past year, we had the privilege of training over one thousand pastoral leaders and teaching the New and Living Way message to thousands of believers across the nation of India.

India is a country filled with superior-inferior (caste system) classification in all areas of life. This includes man-woman, high caste-low caste, rich-poor, educated-uneducated, fair-dark, etc. You will find this classification even among the Christians in India. People are really in bondage. They need to be liberated to enjoy the fullness of Christian love and acceptance. The so-called cultures and religions always keep people in this bondage. This said, you see the necessity of knowing the "New and Living Way" message.

An average Indian faces in some way or another: abuse, hurt, rejection, depression, self-pity, hopelessness, etc. every day in his life. He is desperate for acceptance and hope. Our position in Christ (son-ship, oneness, confidence in Him, etc) makes him a better person overall. Wherever we teach this message, people receive it whole heartedly. One of the pastor's wives said, "Next time my husband comes to scold and condemn me, I will put this Jesus face onto my face. Then, he will understand who I am and leave me." You may laugh, but it is true.

The message is so relevant in today's generation where people have no respect and love toward each other. In families, churches, societies, nations, this message needs to be preached. It helps us to see the difficulties and sufferings of this world to be nothing. It gives us great joy when we think that our son-ship is a heavenly one and the evil one cannot snatch it away. As we read in Hebrews 10:24, love and good deeds to one another are being practiced through those who receive the revelation of our position in Christ. "In Him" assures us the protection from all the impurities of this world.

The "New and Living Way" message helps to increase the confidence and self image of the kids in our children's homes. The thought of abandoned or unwanted is getting vanished through this message. Even though some of them haven't seen their earthly fathers, they have the assurance that they are the sons of the Heavenly Father, who not only received them but also keeps them in Him. What an awesome and wonderful knowledge it is for an orphan kid

to be in that position to enjoy the joy and peace that only our Heavenly Father can offer.

We teach the New and Living Way message to all the church planters that we train at our conferences. Many of them are on the cutting edge of the battle field, facing threats not only from radical Hindu or Muslim groups, but also from evil powers in high places. We have seen pastors leap up in joy from their seat holding the face in their hand on hearing their protection and safety in Christ (in the bucket – while using the illustration). These leaders go away with radical changes and new found dynamism for frontline ministry among the un-reached. We are receiving reports of major breakthroughs into areas that were otherwise closed, open doors of opportunities, financial resources, and success in the educational ventures of the families that have embraced this message.

We know that 2007 will be a great year with more opportunities to teach this message to the people of India and Nepal. What challenges my husband James and I about Paul is that he was not a preacher of the Gospel just because he felt he ought to be, but because God had called him to get involved in this great ministry and that he received a revelation from God. In 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19, Paul says repeatedly, "God gave us the ministry of reconciliation". "He committed to us the message of reconciliation" and in verse 20, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." The staggering thing is that the communication of this great work of God in reconciliation is in our hands – you and me! Let the reality of this privilege take us out of our own comfort zone and move us into the future with Christ in restoring people back to Himself. We are gripped by the reality and revelation of who we are in Christ. Nothing is going to stop us in making a big dent in the kingdom of darkness. As a family in the ministry, we never envisioned what we are doing now! But thank God, we came face to face with the powerful message of this verse – Hebrews 10:20 "By a new and living way, which He has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is His flesh."

Indeed, through your love, care, and support you are partnering in His purpose to present before the Heavenly Father redeemed people from every tribe, tongue and nations as an offering of our worship to Him.

James & Usha Chacko



Below is a testimony written by James Chacko about a conference that was held in June, 2006, in India.

"Evangelist Asif was led by the Holy Spirit to give up the pulpit to our ten year old daughter, Dawn, on the 3rd night event. She, for the first time, stood in front of a massive crowd of over six thousand people and preached about the "forgiveness through Christ". We saw the largest response of the entire event at that night. More than 600 people gave their lives to Christ for the first time at the altar call. Nearly 200 children responded to the invitation to accept Christ and they were all brought on the stage to be dedicated for the Kingdom.

I was reminded of the event narrated in 2 Kings chapter 5 where God used a young girl from Israel to bring healing for the leprosy of Naaman. God can indeed use any one who is willing and ready to be used for His glory and to advance His Kingdom.

These are indeed great days of harvest. As you are well aware, the hour on our spiritual calendar is late. To use the biblical term, "it is almost midnight". These are days of unprecedented opportunities to both the sinners and the saints.

I believe that the nations of the world are at a threshold of a great awakening before the imminent return of our Savior and King - Jesus Christ."



One IN Christ

It is 10:00 p.m. February 21, 2007 Indiana time and we are 7 hours into our flight back to Chicago from Delhi, India. For us, this has been a most fruitful trip.

Thanks to all of you who partnered with us. The Apostle Paul told the Philippian church they were partakers of all he did because they sowed into his ministry. It is strong in our hearts to let you know partners, for every life that was touched and transformed, you receive the reward and blessing of that along with us. It is just as if you went with us and ministered. There is no difference! Partners, receive the blessing. God is so pleased with you.

We appreciate Global Advance partnering with us and New and Living Way in India. We were a team of six ministering in two conferences: Dale and Sally Witt, James and Usha Chacko, and Joe and Anne Pranger. It was a powerful and anointed time.

Sunday morning Dale and Sally ministered in a church, while we visited and taught at one of the children's homes. What a precious time! James and Usha have established two children's homes for 18 boys and we are currently working on starting a third for girls. The one we visited was the first one started. To see nine boys that were taken off the streets, loved and being taught about being in Christ was **SO** rewarding for us. Pastor Prasad and his wife Mercy, have two children of their own and they have brought these boys into their home and treat them as if they are their own sons. Along with the boys home, they pastor a church. We ministered at this church about being in Christ and demonstrated our position with the bowls. Our time with them was rich and it was such a blessing to see firsthand what God is doing through this couple.

The conferences were in Chandigarh and Amritsar and approximately 150 pastors and wives attended each conference. Wow! It was wonderful. Doing conferences for pastors and wives is a fairly new thing that Global Advance has been doing. They began to see the need as they were developing nations, for husbands and wives in ministry to understand they are a team.

It starts with honoring each other in their home first and then in

ministry, so God can allow His life to flow through them. Then, they will walk in their full potential and calling IN HIM! The teaching of who we are in Christ added much to this because first, they see that it is possible with God's power and secondly because they began to understand we are all ONE IN CHRIST!

Part of the time we ministered as couples, showing the effectiveness of team ministry; the other part there was teaching for the men specifically and the same for the women.

Seeing James and Usha minister as a couple before their Indian brothers and sisters was eye opening to many of these pastors and wives. There was a strong anointing on them and these men and women were receiving revelation of God's perspective.

After the conference in Amritsar, James received a phone call from one of the pastors who attended. At first, all he could do was weep and sob. After regaining his composure, he told James "Thank you, thank you for coming." He said God had restored his marriage and ministry. His marriage was on the brink of disaster and hearing the word on team ministry and honoring one another in our position in Christ set them free! Praise God for His faithfulness.

After Dale and Sally left for home, we remained for another few days. We taught in a church on Sunday. Monday and Tuesday evenings, we taught 60 students at Virtual Bible Institute. We ministered on our position in Christ and in every case, the people were hungry and receptive, and want us to come back.

In closing, we want to tell you about our taxi driver the last three days. The last morning, he opened up to James on the way to pick us up. He told of his heartbreak that his older son had Muscular Dystrophy. He is of the Sikh religion, which believes in a one supreme god, but not Jesus. God gave us favor with him and we prayed with him and James gave him a Bible which he said he would read. As James and his pastor will be going to see him, we are expecting a total victory report.

New and Living Way is spreading like wildfire in northern India. God is using James and Usha Chacko mightily to speak forth this word of righteousness.

Thank you again for your prayers. We were absolutely in peace at all times and mindful of our hidden place with Christ in God.

~ Joe and Anne Pranger