## Dear Friends,

This morning while reading the Bible the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see things I have never seen before. I was reading in the Gospel of Matthew and I saw some of the ways God works like I have never seen before. We see in the birth of Jesus, one of the most important events of all history, the working of the Godhead.

The Holy Spirit had spoken through the prophets from the beginning of the Bible about the Messiah that would come and save people from their sins. We see in Matthew 1:18 (Mary) she was found with child of the Holy Spirit." God spoke to Mary through the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-29. Then in Matthew 1:20, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

In Chapter 2, we see the wise men coming to worship Jesus having seen His star in the East. God used a star to bring the Wise men to Jesus. After seeing Jesus and presenting Him with gifts worthy of a King in verse 12, Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country in another way."



In verse 13, "now when they had departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

God was at work in the birth of Jesus and He is still working today.

When I was in Bible school over 30 years ago the founder of the Bible School's wife encouraged us students to spend time in God's Word daily and to read through the Bible every year. I have been doing this for almost 30 years and have read the Bible cover to cover many times. I think this is why God has put such a love for His Word in my heart and a strong desire to see people around the world have God's Word in their language and a copy in their hands.

I believe that God's people need to be in His Word on a daily basis. It's important to let the Word dwell richly in our hearts, to renew our minds, to wash us and cleanse us from the deception of the world. The world is constantly trying to tell us what is most important. Jesus told Martha that Mary has chosen the better part-to sit at His feet and to learn from Him.

I'm so grateful for God's Word so that I can know the heart and mind of God, that which pleases Him and how I'm to walk out my faith. I'm so thankful that the Bible is the absolute authority and that the Word of God doesn't change. The Bible clearly defines marriage between one man and one woman, that God created a man and a woman, not a man transitioning to a woman or a woman to a man. God created the world and all that is in it and He made the laws and perimeters. Who am I to question Him?

Our contacts running our new Pakistan Children's Home are providing the children with a Christian living environment where they can learn about Christ and be rescued from the streets. Our contacts work very hard in their Bible ministry and donating to them helps them to run both ministries for God's Kingom.

If you are interested in sponsoring them personally please email: shyanne@visionbeyondborders.org





Donating to our Pakistan Bible Project helps to deliver Bibles into the hands of people and their families. It helps team members also carry God's Word to unreached people in Pakistan, providing these families with the words of eternal life.

If you are interesed in donating please visit our website and help to provide God's Word to these families.

As I get older I realize how foolish the things of the world are, fads come and go, what's popular today is quickly forgotten tomorrow. What's acceptable today only leads to further degradation tomorrow. But God's Word stands firm. "Forever O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth and it abides." Psalm 119:89-90.

Vision Beyond Borders highest priority is to get God's Word into the hands of His people around the world. I believe God has blessed this ministry because we have kept this as our main priority and will continue to. We are committed to print or purchase God's Word in the language of the people and then deliver into their hands, whether they live in Venezuela or China. Whatever it takes to get God's Word to people around the world we are convinced there is no greater gift that we can give someone that God's Word in their language. At times, it is a real battle and one has to endure interrogation in Customs or intimidation from Communist guards, but ultimately it's worth it.

Years ago, one of our contacts in Pakistan was able to give an Urdu Bible to a Taliban soldier. The soldier read the Bible and gave his heart and life to Jesus Christ. He has given out more than 500 other Bibles to other Taliban soldiers. In Nepal, a young Hindu man heard the Gospel for the first time using a hand-wind tape player. This man gave his life to Jesus Christ and has taken the player and shared the Gospel with over 1,000 people. The Word of God is powerful!

In our office, one of my favorite pictures, it is that of an 81 year old Pakistani man. He was at the church the day the Pastor was giving out Urdu Bibles. This elderly man received a Bible and then walked up on the platform while the pastor was speaking. The man hugged the pastor and wept, he had been praying for many years for a copy of God's Word.

What great opportunities we have to reach people with the truth. We are working to provide 20,000 more copies of the Urdu Bible for the people of Pakistan. We have been given a matching grant for \$50,000 so any contribution is doubled in order to help strengthen the Pakistani Church and reach more Moslems with the Gospel.

Would you prayerfully consider a donation to help us get more Bibles into the hands of the Pakistani people?

God Bless you!

Patrick and staff



Sponsoring a child provides them with food, housing, clothes, a school uniform, school fees, books and a Bible when you sponsor them on a monthly basis. These children have only known what it is like to live on the streets stealing food and barely surviving.

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