

# Interview of k.p. Yohannan (Gospel for Asia)

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*K.P. Yohannan shares his journey of faith, the impact of his mother's prayers, and the urgent call to serve the lost and needy in India.*

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## Description

The video highlights the dire conditions faced by people living in slums in India, particularly focusing on the plight of a young girl named Sheela. Gospel for Asia aims to bring hope and love to these marginalized communities through their Bridge of Hope program. The program seeks to reach these communities through their children, providing education and teaching them about Jesus' love and healing. The speaker, who is involved in this mission, shares a personal story of a young boy named Naboon who brought his father to seek healing for his sick mother, leading to the conversion of their entire family.

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## Transcript

I've been praying for you all week, especially those who nailed some things to the cross last Sunday. We've had your, you know, we took them down off the cross because we don't have to leave things on the cross. Christ buried them, but we were gonna bury them or burn them or whatever we couldn't and the Lord told us to keep them for a while, so we've been praying over your cards.

And it's a good thing Christ died on the cross. This is a church full of sinners, led by the chief sinner. That's my name, Chief Sinner.

Only because of Christ, it's St. Stephen of Livermore. You know, we're recovering from sin, aren't we? We're saved from sin, we're not, we don't have to keep wallowing in that. We're victorious, but we have been praying over you because the devil has a way of turning that thing that you nailed to the cross into a sticky note and he blows it in the wind and it sticks right back to you.

And we're praying against that. Some of you had a great week after last weekend and you felt as light as air, but some of you were under spiritual attack and the devil was telling you what an awful person you are. He's a liar.

You were awful. Not anymore. You're saved.

You're saved. You're clean, you're pure. And don't let the devil lie to you.

All right, we'll get back to that, and actually back to Colossians next weekend, but I had the opportunity to introduce you to somebody this weekend and I could not pass it up. My friend here, this is Dr. K.P. Yohannan. And I wanna tell you a couple things about him and then in our conversation, a few more things will come out.

This is just a dear friend, hi. Hi. Hi, hi, hi, hi.

And he, K.P., 60 years ago you were born in a little Indian village. What was the name of your village? Niranam, N-I-R-A-N-A-M. Yeah, and like if we knew the map of India, where is that? Oh, you go to India and go to the southern most tip of the country.

Okay. And that's where I come from. Not too far from like Sri Lanka or the other? Well, yeah, I mean from Sri Lanka, half hour flight, you land not far from where I was born and raised.

Wow. You have brothers and sisters? I have six brothers. Well, five brothers, I'm the youngest.

We are six boys. You're the youngest? I'm the youngest. So you're like David when Samuel came to anoint a king and they forgot to bring David in for the anointing.

Is that you? Are you David or who are you? Well, I was not the smartest, the most able person, but the Lord answered my mother's prayer and called me to serve Him. That's the best thing. Wow, tell me about your mother.

Well, she is barely five feet tall, a small woman. And she gave her life to Christ when she was young. And she had a very deep and intimate walk with the Lord.

And she led me to the Lord when I was eight years old and prayed that one of her sons will go and serve the Lord. And finally, it was three and a half years of every Friday fasting and prayer. That was very serious for her that the Lord would do that.

And I happened to be the one the Lord called. Now, when you were growing up, did you know she had that prayer in her heart? No, as a matter of fact, her godliness and walk with the Lord was very private. She never mentioned anything about this to any of her sons, no, it was very private.

And only after two years of my life in North India, when I went back home, then she told me the whole story. I did not know. Now, when a mother in that time in India, in South India, is praying for one of my sons to go into full-time ministry, does that mean so that he's gonna have a nice car and he's gonna have a nice paycheck? What does that mean? Well, like in America, we are blessed so much when somebody get in the ministry, like you have staff here.

None of them are starving to death. They raise the income and insurance and all these different things. But in India, every year we graduate some 2,000 brothers from our 58 Bible colleges.

And when we send them out, one of the things we tell them, this is a one-way ticket. When you get to your mission field, there is a possibility you will be abused and beaten and maybe you'll be killed. But if that happens, never fear.

Heaven is a much better place. You wait there for us and we'll come and see you later. For my mother to pray that one of her sons to go and serve the Lord, I know for sure she knew it was a one-way ticket, whoever that is.

And for sure enough, the two years of my life in North India, along with others, I was beaten up and suffered and it was not easy at all. And she knew what she was doing. And you know, in our culture here, living for the Lord and serving him, it is a mystery to me why it is so.

Cross and pain and suffering is not part of it. Yet when Jesus sent out his disciples, except John, all of them lost their lives. And the world was not kind to them.

And for my mother, although she never left the small community that she was born and raised, her life was so completely given over to the Lord and to the world that never heard his name. And so she had this deep passion for the lost and dying millions. And my life happened in part of that burden she carried, to see one of her boys to go and to be a missionary.

Now in Indian culture, when daddy dies, mom is in charge, right? Or mom is to be honored. Well, usually in our cultures, in Asian culture, usually it is when the father is no more, dies, and the mother becomes the head of the family. And this is a normal thing, yes.

But then it's for the sons to take care of her financially and... Well, yes, usually here, you send old people to old people's homes. So there, the children take care of the older parents. And then for my brothers, they did very well.

And she was taken care of very well, giving her whatever she wanted. And she had enough money to do whatever she wanted to do with it. Yeah, yeah.

You were telling me that story yesterday about when you came and you saw she was wearing that shirt that needed to be thrown away. Tell us that story. Well, I mean, one time I went back home to see my mother from North India.

And I saw her wearing this, the blouse, we call it. It was torn and old and hand-stitched like a Mickey Mouse job. And I was quite angry with her.

The reason was in our culture, when your parents are not taken care of, it is a horrible shame for the children because we are a shame-based culture instead of a guilt-based culture as you have here. And so I said to my mother, mother, this is nothing less than madness. You cannot do stuff like this and you hurt your sons.

And I said, you have plenty of money to do whatever you want to do. If you want to buy a new dress every week, you can do that, but why do this to us? Because she simply smiled, which is all she did. She said, you, my little son, you don't understand, but someday you will.

How old were you at that point? Well, you're talking about I was 32, 33 years old. So she's still patting you on the top of your head. Yeah, oh yeah, she always thought I was a little kid.

You don't understand. You don't understand, yeah. But you know- That sounds like my mom.

So there's some similarity there. Yeah, well, you know, in 1990, I was on the way to Korea from the United States when I heard my mother was sick and she never been sick, you know, we can think of. And I went

to the hospital that weekend at the age of 84, she passed away and the funeral take place.

And then I need to go back to, you know, States. So my brothers and I, we had a meeting talking about our mother. My father passed away earlier and he was a believer too.

But that's when we discovered that we all thought there must be tremendous amount of money, huge amount of money sitting in the bank because we never saw her spending any money. And you were all giving her money? Oh yeah, I mean, we never asked question. Why, if she say, I want 20,000 rupees or 50,000 rupees, you know, my brothers are fairly well to do and there was no question about anything like that.

But we discovered there was nothing in the bank and what happened was she left a record of what she was doing with the money and it was under the pillow of her bed. And in it was pages and pages and pages and names of brothers in North India, in different places and Bible schools. She never been to those places.

And she was sending money every month privately without telling any human being. And then she left the note, when I'm dead and gone, the only thing I will leave behind, it's my wedding ring, my earrings and the gold chain my husband gave me when he married me at the age of 19. I wanted to sell these items and give the money to preach the gospel among people that never heard Jesus name.

I want to meet them also in heaven. And of course, you know, that really broke me and I wept and wept. I realized it's like my mother walked back into the room and saying, my son, now you understand what I lived for.

You see, that's what I say, Pastor Steve, you can be living in the United States in San Jose, you can be so preoccupied with your car and your dreams and ambitions, your children, your grandchildren and your wellbeing and your health and all this stuff. It's nothing bad about these things. But somehow my mother, although she never left a small village, she knew 100 years from now, nothing really mattered.

And missions and caring for the lost world for many Christians, it is one or the thing to do, not the passion. Yet Jesus, he said, the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost. And my mother, having known the Lord, that became reality that she lived and breathed and worked and sacrificed day and night.

She used to spend more than three hours a day, no less than that in prayer, early morning hours on her knees crying out. And I didn't know what it was all about until I grew up. So it's not a matter of you becoming guilty or condemned about what you have, but it's a journey we all make.

But the reality is that we had to make choices against our own will and flesh so that Christ can incarnate through our earthen vessels and fulfill his plan. And my mother became the model for my life and even today I think about it. You've got us all thinking about it too.

So many of us here, there's some great mothers and grandmothers in this congregation and what you're doing is you're pulling out that value and then reminding them that those kids are gonna grow up and they're gonna be our age someday. And what are they gonna remember about their mother? Yeah, I mean, I travel 300,000 air miles a year and speak. You can imagine that takes me to a lot of places.

And to parents, I always say this, the answer to your children, your grandchildren's future, it is a gentle, humble, quiet, honest walk with the Lord and love Jesus more than materialism and comforts and they will

turn out good. And you have a very unique church here and I'm blessed to meet the number of people I meet and the sense I get that they are learning from you and becoming like you, which is a good thing. I think I'm learning from them and they're becoming like Jesus.

But now you're 17, you go to the mission field and then you realize you need some more training. So by God's grace, you end up in Texas at a seminary or a Bible college and you're training and then you start to settle in Texas. Tell us about that time.

Well, you know, America is a wonderful place but it does strange things to aliens like me. And the first week of my life in America, I went to a house fellowship and they gave me these chips, he called it, Mexican chips and sauce. I didn't know what it was.

But worse was they gave me a glass of something to drink. I thought it was Coca-Cola. I drank that thing and I threw up.

It was Dr. Pepper. I mean, I just said I can't believe Americans drink medicine with their food. And because now I do ask for Dr. Pepper.

But you know, I was in seminary and then pastoring a church in a Southern Baptist congregation in Dallas. But you know, without me even knowing about it, the heart I had weeping and broken and hurting for the lost world, eight years of my journey throughout India and many nations, it became kind of history. Now I'm more sophisticated philosophy, psychology and theology and all the other stuff.

And then, you know, I had books in my library that I may never read, but I wanted so many more books and nothing wrong with all this stuff. But somehow I found myself after nearly three years, my heart was cold. There was no more tears.

I knew everything in my head, but I was no more concerned about my little life and how I look and what I am more than what Jesus is all about. And that's when the Lord allowed me to, you know, learn that and a turning point in my life. And, you know, I remember one day during that time of the Lord dealing with my heart, I had 70 neckties and quite expensive.

How many? Seven zero. 70? Yeah, almost all of them from Europe. And it takes me sometimes half hour to color coordinate my clothes because I read the book, Color Me Beautiful.

I did, you know, how far an Indian can go. But I remember the Lord. So are you like a summer or what are you? I'm a winter.

Oh, you're winter, okay. Summer, yeah, I figure this out. Brown skin, what else is there? But, you know, God is so loving, gracious.

He's not going around condemning people and abusing us. He's gentle. And I remember one day the Lord said, son, look at this closet and look at the amount of clothes hanging there and the expensive materials you have.

Nothing wrong with that, but son, half of the world go to bed with empty stomach and naked bodies. What are you doing with this? And I looked at my library shelf, seven expensive leather bound Bibles. And the Lord said, son, half of the world have never seen one page of the Bible.

Didn't I call you to love me more than all and your very life? Don't you care? And he didn't put me on a guilt trip, but it was conviction. And I said to my wife, I said, Gisela, you know, I just want to keep a couple of jackets and a couple of ties and a couple of pair of shoes and I'm not recommending people to get out of their house and cars and wives and children, any of those things. Basically, it was my personal journey.

God leads everybody different. And that was 33 some years ago. And I'm telling you, it's the most incredible thing to walk away from stuff that put you in bondage for the sake of the cross.

And it's an incredible journey. And I'm still on this journey. Yeah, you still are.

And that's what's so exciting, Brother KP, because so many of our mentors who have succeeded in great ways have disappointed us and failed us and not finished well. But as I watch your life, I see you, you're still climbing the mountain. I mean, I can't keep up with you.

And that's an encouragement to all of us that are still trying to live righteously and serve the Lord. So thank you for doing that. Even just for my sake, thank you for doing that.

I've had a few disappointments along the way of other guys that I looked up to, and they didn't, well, you know, they're just human. But I expected a little more of them. And so now you're back to your mother's values because you're back, you go back and forth between India and Dallas.

You have this ministry that we would probably think of as a huge ministry. And let me just kind of give you some perspective on the ministry. How many Bible colleges are you leading? 58.

58 Asian Bible college with maybe 7,000 or 8,000 students? Yeah, it's between 6,000 and 7,000 students. And then how many churches are believers churches? Well, over the three decades of our ministry, we have some 12,000 congregations in 13 nations and 15,000 full-time workers. And radio broadcast in 110 languages.

And we produce over 40 million pieces of Bible portions and literature in all the major languages. And, you know, we do have our US headquarters, as you know, Steve, in Dallas. We have 160 some people that work behind the scene as missionaries, like, you know, we both are serving the Lord.

And my wife, Gisela, is in Dallas, and my son, Danny, and his wife and two children. My daughter is in India. And I travel out of the United States about 10 times a year.

But the little time I get in between, I come to a place like this to share the burden for the lost world, especially the children that we are desperately seeking your help. Let's talk about those children. You, your mother is a mother who sent all the money away and left you, you know, with nothing, so to speak.

And yet she left you with everything. What are you leaving your kids with in regards to these children in India? In India, what? You know, from the day they were born, literally, my wife and I prayed, Lord, save them as early as possible, then call them to serve you. We never ever told our children, you should go and be missionaries.

No, they had the opportunity to go to Germany, to be in America, or anywhere in the world, to do whatever they want to do. But we kept praying, and when they finished their high school studies in the United States, they both felt they want to go and serve God, which is an answer to prayer. And, you know, here it is.

I think it's very sobering. When I was barely 17, when the Lord called me to serve the Lord, and my children both left America when they were 18, but then, just recently, I turned 60. And this strange thing happened to me.

That is, it was like yesterday, I left my home, traveling 2,000 miles north, and today I'm 60. And I think to myself, whatever happened to time? It just gone so fast. So what do I leave for my children? I think they watch very carefully how their dad and mom walked before them.

Nothing worth saving, fighting for, acquiring, and living for. It's just for a moment. So the legacy I can leave for my children, it is a life that walks with two jackets and a couple of pair of shoes, and a 62 Volkswagen Bug, and a bicycle.

And a life that, the best I know how, walked with the Lord. And I think I'm, now, of course, you know, I have two children and, you know, three grandchildren, but I am now happy because I got 60,000 more children. You have 60,000 children.

Absolutely. Let's talk about them. Well.

60,000 children. But that's nothing. You're like a bumblebee or an ant or a turtle or something.

You have 60,000 children. Yeah, you know, the thing is, a few years ago, the Lord gripped my heart on the streets of Bombay when I saw the picture of a little boy laying on the sidewalk, drinking milk from a street dog. That was in the newspaper, right? It's in the front page, the Indian Express newspaper, black and white picture.

And the caption read, this dog is his mother. And they talked about over 100,000 children living on the streets of Bombay. Then 100,000 more in Calcutta.

Not knowing who their parents are. And I remember Jesus asking me, do you care for these kids as much as you care for your children? And that was a turning point with a huge repentance on my heart because I'm a radical, conservative, you know, evangelical committed for preaching and baptizing, planting churches. I don't care about kids.

Yeah, Jesus will mess you up, I know. And then I realized there are 62 million child laborers in India belonging to the untouchable Dalit community. And there are 15 million bonded child laborers.

Like, you know, you and your wife got three, four kids and you need \$30, \$40 in some emergency, you go to the landlord or the factory owner or the upper caste and say, please give me \$30. And he say, what do you have to give to me? He say, take my kids and they work for you. And they work for years and years making eight, nine cents for the whole day's work.

These kids are lost forever. Because they can never pay back the debt. They can never, I mean, they illiterate people.

They never know what they're doing. And we had to buy many times children back from these people and put them in school. So we began to go after, we call it a bridge of hope.

Yeah, 580 centers where we have now 60,000 children. But, Pastor Steve, what is that when you think about 62 million out there? And so Gospel for Asia, one of our most powerful thing I have seen, experienced in my life. These precious kids like you have in Africa and 200 kids at a center and they

come, they learn about Jesus, they learn education and they give their heart to the Lord.

And then they tell the story to their poor parents living in the shacks, in the huts. And in one place in the last five years, we have seen 2,000 families, the whole families, coming to believe in Jesus. This is in one village? Yeah, three villages come around.

Three villages, but one school or several schools? There's several bridge of hope schools. But they're all together right there. All together, yeah.

And you've documented, say that again? Some 2,000 families. The whole family? Yeah. After you love that little girl.

Exactly, it's a whole people's movement. You know, one little boy, Naboon, I tell this story everywhere, first grader. He comes to the center and learn about Jesus healing the sick and casting out demons and learn choruses.

And he goes and tells his father, Jesus can heal his mother. His mother was sick and dying, living in a little hut. And the man comes to our center saying, would you have your medical doctor, Jesus, come and heal my wife? He thought we had a medical doctor.

So a missionary. His name was Jesus? Jesus. And our missionaries go and talk to him about the Lord and read from the Bible, explain and lay a hand on the woman and the Lord heals her right there.

And that became the reason for the first church to be planted in the community. Once they saw healing. Well, you know, they realized, you know, that's what the Bible says, and the Lord working with them, confirming the word through signs and wonders.

The gospel must be preached, but Jesus show up for these poor, untouched, unheard, unforgiven, lost people with his grace and mercy. And that draws them to him. And I think we see that happening all over.

In Burma, the same thing happened. In Bhutan, the same thing happened. Bangladesh and India.

And my, you know, prayer and pain today, Lord, help us to reach out to another 500,000 children. So you have 60,000 now and you're gonna go for 500,000. That's our dream and prayer.

And that's one of the reasons, Pastor Steve, I take time to come to a place like this to share our hearts, people that know us and understand and see what the Lord will do. Well, we decided a long time ago that we weren't going to attach to small vision and small dreams. And so that's a dream that scares the daylights out of me.

So I like it. I like it a lot. That's awesome.

And you know, Brenda and I, we've traveled with you through India. We've seen what you've done for these kids. And it is amazing.

When you love someone's child, you're loving them. No matter what, if they're poor or rich, if you love their child, you're loving them. You guys have discovered something that goes back to a holistic gospel instead of just a preaching gospel.

Yeah, I mean, you see, there was a time in my earlier writings, I was absolutely against any kind of social work. Yeah, I remember, I read. Yeah.

I was like, wow, this guy, he thinks, yeah. Yeah, you know, the thing is, the thing is like Africa or Thailand, you know, the history of missions, billions of dollars we, you know, pumped into these nations, but nothing changed for them. Why? Because the missionaries would not preach, Jesus died for you on the cross, repent and turn away from sin.

And he is alive and have faith in him. But they refuse to say that. But just to say that to a dying man, a hungry man, a man on the street, a little girl in the red light district, they can't figure this out.

But when you see the need and embrace these people, they understand the gospel. So it is Jesus came and he preached the kingdom, but also healed the sick. And your church here, I'm absolutely amazed.

And I'm grateful to the Lord for what you do. And, you know, and I pray that the church, you will never get tired or weary of doing more, because in the end, from every nation, every kindred, every language, we must have people in heaven. Yeah, and we'll get to meet them.

Amen. Somehow I think we're gonna know who we are. Well, when Brenda and I were there, she saw women studying this book.

And they're just in a village, they're just sitting around, and there's a woman leading them like, and we thought, oh, it's a woman's Bible study. It's a woman's, tell us about this book. Well, you know, the 285 million untouchables, Pastor Steve, they are the- Wait, say that over.

They are the Dalits. How many? 285 million. What's the population of the US? It's less than that.

Is it? Yeah. So just the untouchables, like Slumdog Millionaire? Yeah, exactly. How many of you saw the movie Slumdog Millionaire? Brilliant.

That's accurate, right? That movie is- Yeah, I mean, see, that's one movie I couldn't watch through any time without breaking up, because the little boy, you know, that little beggar boy on the street, blind, he was blinded by people to making him a beggar. That is not a fiction. And that's very painful.

And most of these people are from what he called the Dalits. There are 1.2 billion people in India, nearly 300 million are the untouchables. They are the Hindu caste system.

One third is like the slave caste. Their value is less than dogs and animals that you look up in there. Think about it.

Among the women, Pastor Steve, of these people, there's not more than 3% literacy rate. 97% of the women- Of the Dalit. Dalits are illiterate.

Because when we meet Indian people here in the US, they're highly educated. Oh, they're upper caste. Usually all, I mean, you never ever see a backward caste or untouchable Dalit come to America.

Because there's no way they could afford it. There's no schooling for them. Yeah, but there it's totally different.

Yeah. So what we are doing, when we found out these Dalits, these people are telling us, we will believe in Jesus, whatever you tell us to do, but please help us to find hope for the future. And our children and our mothers and fathers, we don't know how to read and write.

This is when our ministry launched this literacy program. And this book was written by women, right? Exactly. Then they go through the whole thing, Bible verses and scripture is used to teach them reading and writing.

And they end up giving their life to the Lord when we do this thing. 100%, right? Absolutely, so far, yeah. So now you've got their child in the school, you're teaching her how to read and write, you're showing her the love of Christ, and the village comes alive.

Yeah, I mean, basically it's the whole community that turned to Christ. I was telling Chris yesterday, it'll be nice sometime we can have people from here, 10, 15 people sometime travel for a couple of weeks and see what God is doing. Because in heaven, we are going to be with them.

It's good to have this experience here. Maybe we could send a group of some of our powerful women, younger and a little older, and they could tour and then come back and... Absolutely. And we will make sure they don't die there.

Well, I don't die there, I gain weight when I'm here. The food is so good. Some people are afraid to go to these places, thinking that it's so primitive, and so it's not like that.

Brenda will tell them. Yes. So when you think about a church like Cornerstone, and you think about, you're speaking to an, we are ready, we're with you.

Everybody's gonna go out and adopt more children, and there's no, we know that. But are there any scriptures that just come to your mind where you think, because I know in some churches where you go, you have to kind of bring a bit of a rebuke, right? True. I bet that's not very fun.

It's not easy. They're like, no, our friend KP, and then you come out and you just let them have it, right? Well, I try to be kind. No, I've heard.

I've actually been there a couple of times when you did. But it's nice to come to a fellowship like this where we can just talk and share the heart, they understand it. Okay, but give us some scripture.

Well, I think the thing that touches me the most about the children, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18, where Jesus said, it's a horrible thing for someone to hurt kids. But then he explains that those who receive them, they receive me. And elsewhere he said, and my father also.

Then he says, for their angels in heaven, they behold the face of the father. And that is explanation. So he says, every child in the slum of Bombay, among the untouchables, the Dalits, the broken, the poor, the naked, the beggars, angels are with them, waiting and hoping someone will come in the name of the Lord, love them and give them hope.

And when I do that, then the father says, oh, I'm so glad they obeyed me. And the heaven rejoices. So keeping in mind that what we do here on earth is not just little works, but it touches heaven.

It touches the heart of the father. That makes me want to jump up and down, do everything in the world, because soon I'm going to see the Lord face to face. And I want him to say, yeah, you embraced me a

thousand times.

I said, Lord, when? On the streets, in the slums. You loved, you cared. And that gives me the encouragement.

That's my encouragement to you. You know, Steve, it's a nice thing. You have the clock telling you, you have to stop or get going.

No, I ignore it. I ignore it. It's a cool thing.

I like that. It's just numbers flashing. But I was thinking it would be nice if you think, you know, the couple of minutes that video they can watch.

You want to watch the video? Yeah. Okay, let's see. You're going to see.

Now, when we go to India, we see beautiful things, Taj Mahal. I mean, India is a most colorful nation. The smells, the spices, it's amazing.

But the vision here is more of the dark side. Of what we see. But this is where the Lord takes us.

This really tells the condition of these people, like in the Slumdog Millionaire movie. It's not just one or two. If you're talking millions, and what we are doing to bring hope to them.

All right, let's watch that. She is eight years old. Her home is a hut made of rags.

Going to school is an impossible dream. She is a Dalit. Viewed as subhuman by the Hindu caste system.

Her people are commonly assaulted, raped, murdered. Deep in their hearts, they hunger for love and reassurance. To be told for once that their lives are worth something.

Gospel for Asia has long wanted to tell these people that Jesus loves them and offers them hope. But how? Now, God has provided a way to reach them through their children. Bridge of Hope.

You can help build this Bridge of Hope by sponsoring a child today. For \$28 a month, you can give a child an education, clothing, food, and medical care. And most of all, you give your child the message of Christ's love and hope for the future.

To sponsor your Bridge of Hope child today, simply fill out this card and bring it to the GFA table. You'll receive a picture and information about the child you'll be helping. Okay, you got us.

So, Brenda and I, you know, we sponsor some of these kids and it's been so great to get them to write letters and get letters and to see them grow up. And our children then have grown up in a home where now, you know, we have to, our kids will, our children sponsor more of the kids than Brenda and I do. And so there's this sense that we have this family that's global and our family has kids in Colombia, our family has kids in Africa, family has kids in India, our family has kids in Thailand.

And so what you're doing, you're offering us a service in order for our family to just get bigger. And so we wanna just say how much we appreciate that. And what I would hope for you, if you can, go out at the end of the service and adopt a child.

There's just no easier way to add someone to your family. And some of you are saying, well, you know, I can't wait to have kids. You can have a kid today.

You're the one that said you wanted kids and you don't even have to do the whole pregnancy thing. You know, you can have a couple. You wanna, oh, I can't wait for grandkids.

Today. I'll get a new granddaughter today. So this is really wonderful.

And one other thing we're gonna do, because I think we're gonna wrap our time up now, is when we're in India, when we travel, we end a lot of the services with prayer for miracles, and we see a lot of miracles. And the Lord has laid it on our heart here at Cornerstone that He wants to work more miracles among us. And that's His desire in His heart.

And so I'm gonna ask, after I pray, Dr. KP will be right down here on the floor standing, and he's not there to chat with anyone or to meet anyone. He's there specifically to pray if you need a miracle. But of course, it's your faith that will need to, you know, don't come and depend on his faith to heal you.

He's just a guy that God has used. But if you are sick, if someone you know is sick, and the doctors haven't been able to help, then maybe that's what's going to happen for you today. All right, let me pray, and then we're going to.

Yeah, just want to mention, Pastor Steve, they don't need to bring any money today in order to get the kids. They can get the kids today and start praying for them. Oh, okay.

Yeah. That's great. So they can just take it, but they need to commit.

Yeah, they need to fill out the card and bring it. Because you don't hand this same one to anyone else in the world, right? No, yeah, they are the only ones to get it. And if, when they cannot continue the support anymore, they should let us know, we'll find someone else.

But our hope is that some will take 10 children or 20 children or 100 children. We got 22,000 children. You have 22,000 right now that are waiting.

Waiting, yes, yeah. So we'll just take 22,000. That's it.

Yeah, but just like our kids in Africa, you know, we got all those boys off the street and we got all those girls out of their uncle's homes. And now our team is leaving on Wednesday for the graduation of some of them. And they're going to college and university now.

And these were street kids that everyone said there was no hope for these kids. And many of them now by the national testing in Kenya have qualified for the university, even for scholarship. So- You know, Pastor Steve, you know, not just about this, but anything in my 40 some years of serving the Lord and walking with Him, I would encourage you, whatever it is, this or that, anything, look for opportunities the Lord give to you to love Him and serve Him.

Never think this is inconvenient or this is too much. Maybe the Lord will wake you up one in the morning to spend two hours on your knees or a world map praying. Or He tell you to cancel your plan for a vacation to somewhere and go to Mexico City and walk on the streets and love them.

Or tell you, don't buy all the toys for your kids. There are plenty of them. And talk to them and exchange all their dreams for helping kids somewhere.

And, you know, it's not works or legalism. It is a love affair. You can't think of anything on earth, but think about Him.

And that makes life so wonderful. Father, we thank you for the opportunity we've had to share you on this rainy day and to share about these things. And we pray that our hearts will break for the things that break your hearts.

Not because of some slick presentation or some person making us feel shamed or guilty because we have wealth, but only because of your Holy Spirit causing us to become more and more like Jesus who took little children up in His arms and said, let them come, let them come, let them be here. And Lord, you're the rabbi who walked around in the first century and allowed women to sit at your feet just like men. And so we pray also for these Dalit women and as Cornerstone partners with GFA for the women and for the children, we ask that you would lead us into that one family at a time.

And we pray these things now in Jesus' name. And now the Lord bless you and keep you. Now the Lord's face shine upon you and give you peace in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

I bless you, amen, amen. All right, we'll see you next time. All right.

Thank you. Thank you.

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