

Christ In You

Terrorism and Christian Missions

Part 2 of 3

In the previous newsletter we discussed terrorism in Christian missions generally, and specifically some of the changes occurring now in India. I discussed the terrorists that existed when I spoke in the state of Manipur, India, last month.







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Ganges River, Haridwar, India. CLICK HERE FOR PHOTOS OF HARIDWAR

On the same trip to India last month we visited the area of Haridwar where we have helped plant 24 new churches. This area is called "the land of the gods" and it is the home of many radical Hindus who have persecuted Christians. I went there along with my son Micah and his

wife Jessamyn and our associate Simon Haqq. When we left the area Simon breathed a sigh of relief that we had gone there without any incident, because he himself has been physically attacked in that very area. But we had a sense of peace and we trusted the wisdom of our hosts. I believe that God wanted us there, and He once again has protected us.







Worshippers, Haridwar, India

Two or three years ago I desired to go to Egypt. Over a decade ago we sent our associate Simon Haqq from Delhi, India to Egypt along with a group of others who held open-air meetings in numerous cities in Egypt simultaneously. It was a great success. Over the years Christians in Egypt have asked Simon to return. I decided that I would meet him there and we would minister in churches. But then there was some adverse political changes about that time and I decided it would be wiser to postpone the trip.

A few months later I saw an email report from my niece Ingrid and a picture of her riding a camel in front of the pyramids! She was there at approximately the same time that I had considered going but I decided it was too risky. But this young girl went on a mission outreach to Egypt, no problem!

I gave consideration and decided it was too risky, she gave consideration and went there and returned home with no problem. I think we both made the correct decision.



My Niece Ingrid (Riding in the Front) near Cairo, Egypt

About a year later Simon Haqq decided that he might go to Egypt. He was ready to go but there were more political changes and he called me and asked what I thought. I really thought at that stage it would be safe for him to go and I told him so. But after further reflection, prayer and consideration of the facts he decided not to go. I'm sure he made the right decision. Sometime soon, perhaps this year or next year, we may consider again meeting in Egypt for ministry in churches there. Yes, we want to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

I take terrorism seriously. I take the Great Commission seriously. We must go into all the world with the gospel while at the same time being wise as serpents.

Ten years ago in 2005 I had a close call with terrorism. I'll share that story with you in the next newsletter....

A Note From a Friend

Evangelist and missionary Rev. Erwin Donaldson of Calvary Christian Fellowship in Mustang, OK sent me this note after reading the previous newsletter:

Hello My Brother,

Just received your email and appreciate your wisdom very much. I have pretty well followed very closely the plan that you mentioned. It has always been my sincere desire to take every step in the will of God, then causiously follow the Holy Spirit, to the best of my ability.

Today, looking back, there were places had I listened to others, I never would have gone, however, the evidence that I was in the will of God is in the fruit that was birthed by being obedient.

My personal experience has been, does my going bring Glory to God or to Ervin?

If it is for self glory and gratitude, things don't.always work out good.

My Brother, I deeply appreciate your Spirit and the beautiful things you are doing for God.

My prayers are with you and that God will abundantly provide every need.

Ervin Donaldson			

Rev. Donaldson received a photograph of an ordination last week in Kenya, east Africa. He relates this:

The photograph was taken in an area in Kenya where I ministered about 10 years ago. I was asked by the Kenyans not to go there because the area was very primitive and could be dangerous. Some of my native friends did not want to go, however, I felt like I should go.

We rode for hours over the most terrible roads and terrain you can imagine. There were six of us in an extremely small vehicle.

We finally arrived after driving through river beds and over rock piles, arriving about two hours late. The people were there waiting for us and worshiping God.

I can truthfully tell you, it was really fun, because I knew that I was in God's

perfect plan. I started pre-

like you see in the picture. The building was sheet iron walls with a roof over the pulpit area only.

The people were so glad for me to be there and bring them the Gospel. I had preached about 15 minutes and the power of God began to fall while I was preaching and people all over began to be blessed and overcome by the power of God. It was a great day in my life that i will always remember.



Ordination Service in a Remote Masaai Church in Kenya, East Africa

The photograph here is an ordination service in the same place where I preached. The message of the Good News lives on.

The Masaai man that was ordained by our Ministry Director for Kenya is fruit that was sown years ago.

The Masaai minister who drove me out to Masaai Land, Reverend Joseph, was shot dead in his church yard. He was a great man of God with a wife and four children. These people fearlessly lay every thing on the line to preach the Gospel.

These are the areas of the world where God is pouring out His Spirit. These wonderful people are very humble and realize they don't know it all, consequently they fully trust in Jesus and He honors their faith and trust. They are seeing mighty miracles among them.

When I visited these precious people years ago, I had no idea what God was up to.

In many of the areas, in different Countries, our ministers are under a serious threat by the Muslims and other religions. Please pray for their safety. They will go preach in the face of hell itself and God is rewarding them with many souls.

Rev. Erwin Donaldson



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