

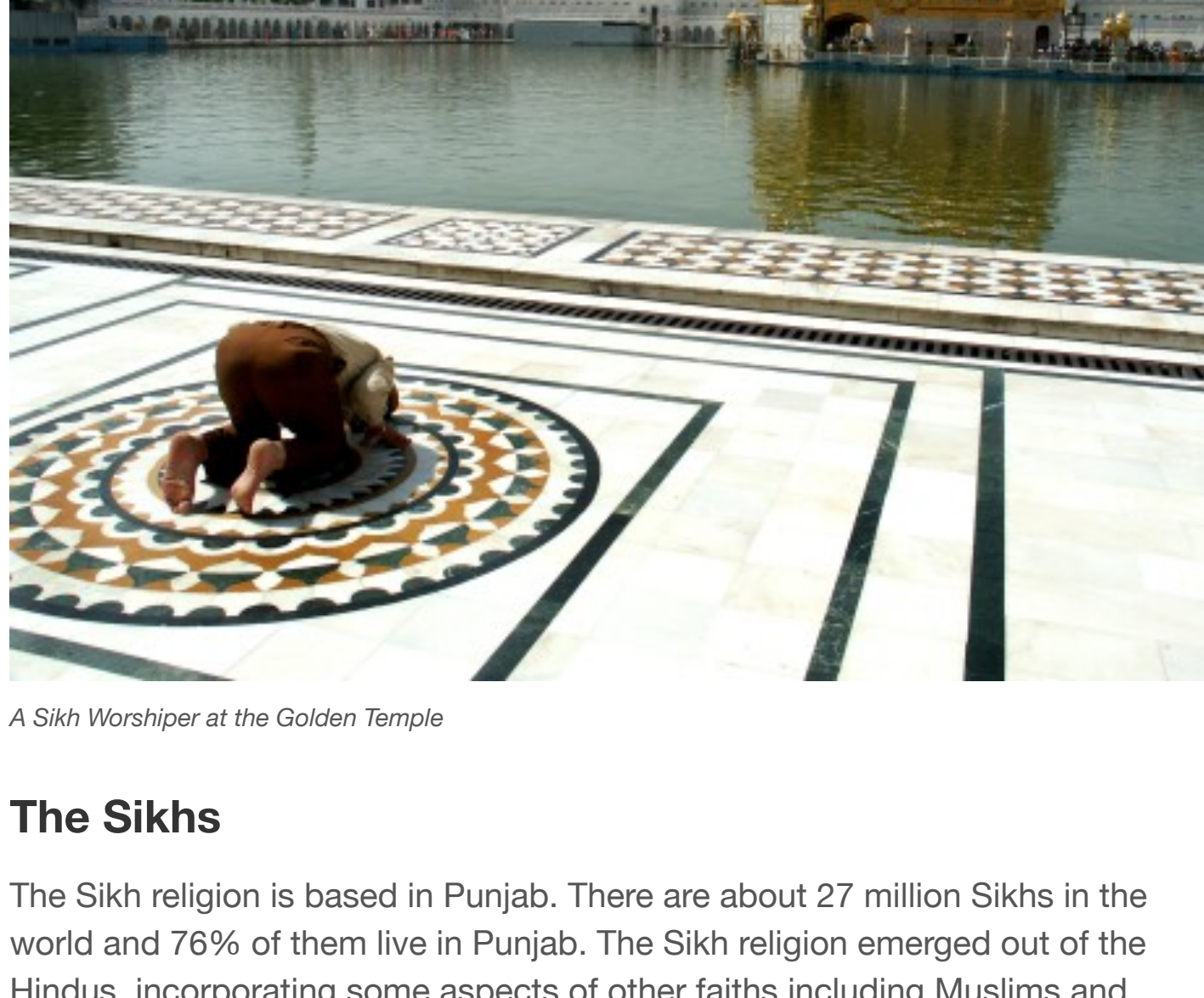


Christ In You

Preaching In Punjab

Part 2 of 2

Christ in You is very involved with evangelism and church planting in the north Indian state of Punjab. In this newsletter we want to continue with some of the highlights of the work we are doing in that region with our associate Simon Haqq.



A Sikh Worshiper at the Golden Temple

The Sikhs

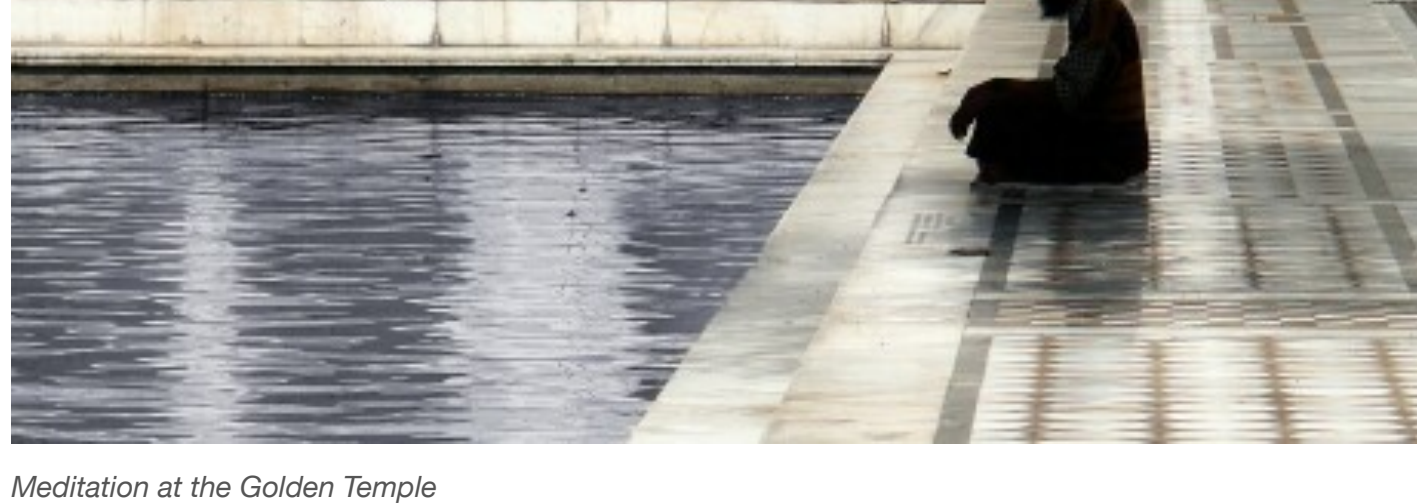
The Sikh religion is based in Punjab. There are about 27 million Sikhs in the world and 76% of them live in Punjab. The Sikh religion emerged out of the Hindus, incorporating some aspects of other faiths including Muslims and Christians.



A Sikh Devotee At the Golden Temple

Sikhs have a vibrant punjabi music and dance culture. They are generally a delightful people and tend to be well respected in India. The men will always carry a knife under their clothes. This is one of the tenets of their faith. So often a woman in India who might feel ill at ease, perhaps getting on a bus, will sit near a Sikh feeling safe in the

knowledge that he would protect her if necessary.



Meditation at the Golden Temple

The nucleus of the Sikh religion is the Golden Temple located in the city of Amritsar. On two occasions I was able to visit this temple and witness the Sikh devotees bathe themselves in the waters around the Temple and pray and worship.

Honorable people, lovely people. But how my heart yearns that they would be liberated from religion and find freedom in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The good news is that we did see many Sikhs receive salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.



A Merchant In Punjab

Preaching the Gospel in Punjab

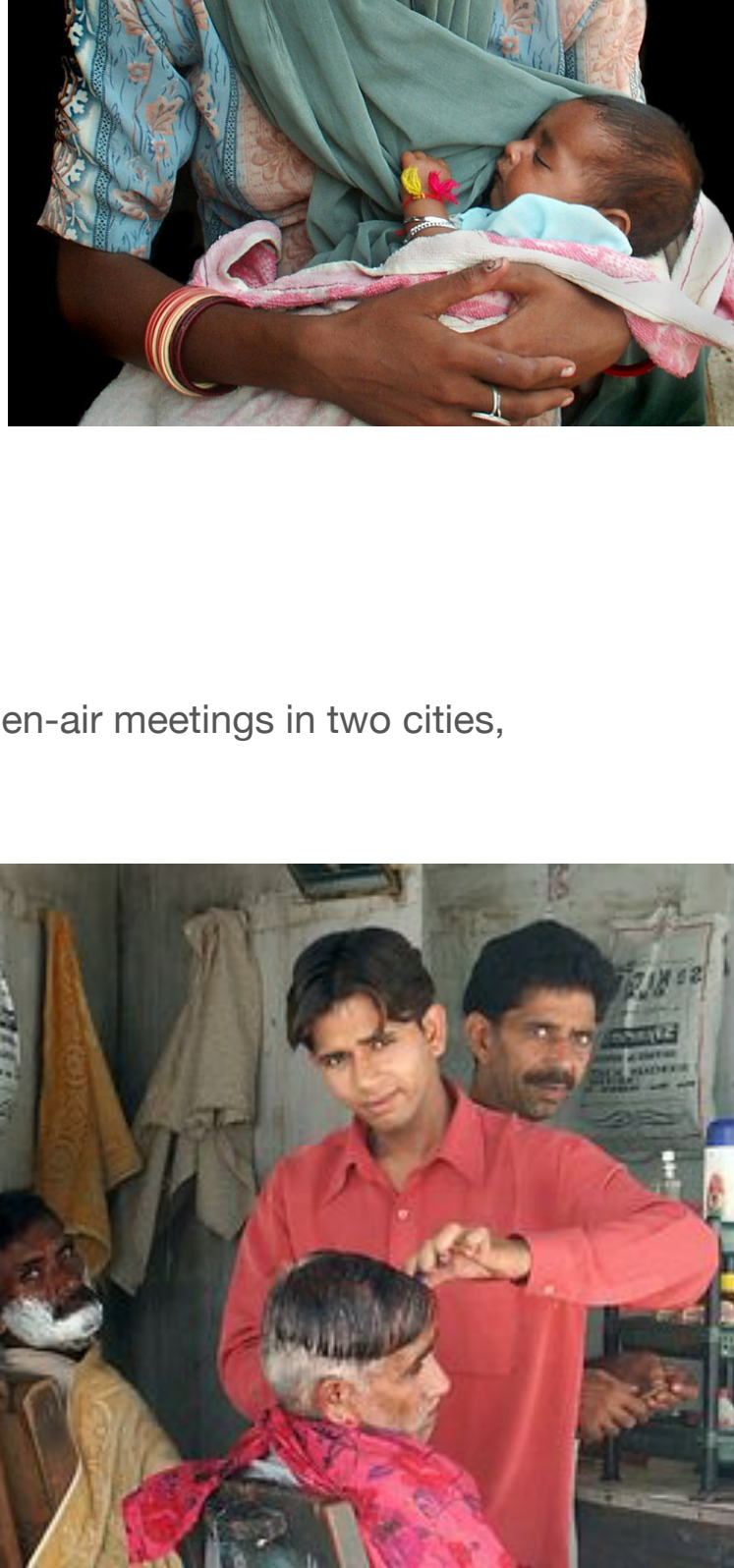
As I mentioned in a [previous newsletter](#), on five occasions I have visited Punjab to hold open-air evangelistic meetings. These have been very successful. Some of these meetings have resulted in the planting of new churches.



Jalandhar

After the third meeting in Bathinda we traveled by car at night to Jalandhar where we stayed in a hotel. This was our base as we commuted three nights to the city of Nakadhar where we had wonderful open air meetings. The crowds grew each night to around 3,000 the last night. On the first night we had 100 decisions for Christ, 200 on the second night and an amazing 500 on the third night!

The audience was a mixed group of adherents to tribal gods. Hindus, Sikhs, and Muslims. Also Christians were present who helped organize the meetings. Many people testified of miraculous healings by the hand of God during those gospel meetings. Many people asked us to pray for them after the meetings.



We were all impressed by the simplicity of faith and the love that people demonstrated. We were literally swamped by requests for prayer and we would spend much time after each meeting praying for individual people.

Guruarsahai and Ferozepur

On another trip to Punjab we held open-air meetings in two cities, Guruarsahai and Ferozepur.

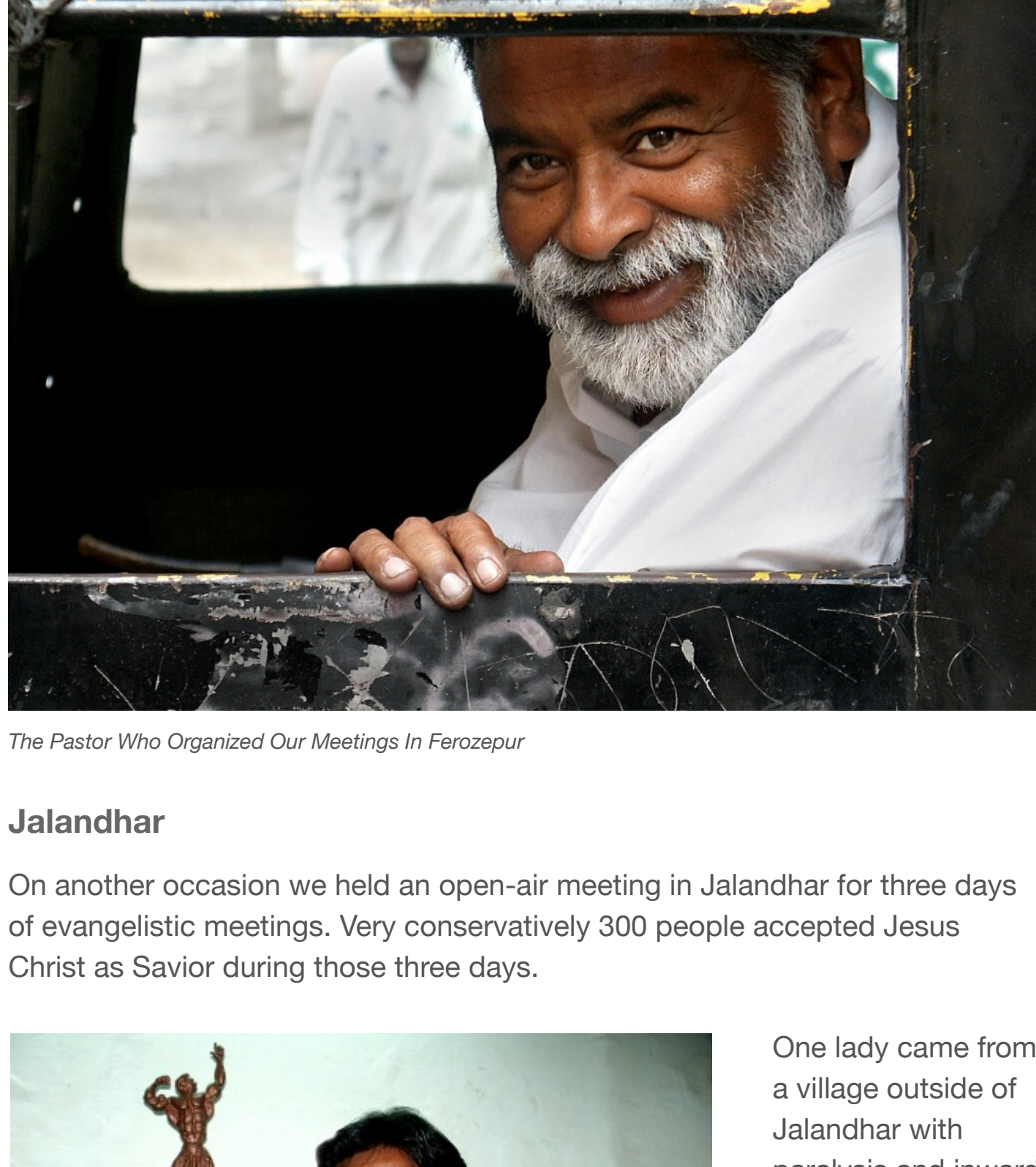
In Guruarsahai we expected small crowds. We were pleasantly surprised when the crowds doubled each night to 3,000 people and literally hundreds found Christ as Savior. Even after returning to New Delhi, we received phone calls with amazing testimonies.



CLICK on this picture for more photos of people in Punjab

The larger city of Ferozepur is where we expected the huge crowds. We were disappointed that this did not happen for a variety of reasons. Even so we left Ferozepur with 132 new commitments to Jesus Christ.

To make a commitment to follow Christ when you belong to a Hindu, Muslim, or Sikh family requires much sacrifice as it will inevitably mean ostracism from the family. Even so, just over 1,000 people found Jesus Christ as Savior!



The Pastor Who Organized Our Meetings In Ferozepur

Jalandhar

On another occasion we held an open-air meeting in Jalandhar for three days of evangelistic meetings. Very conservatively 300 people accepted Jesus Christ as Savior during those three days.



"Mr. Punjab" Is a Christian and Attended Our Meetings

One lady came from a village outside of Jalandhar with paralysis and partial deviation of the left leg and foot. The entire village knew of her deformity for several years. Her leg was straightened and made normal. She gave her life to Christ as did several in her village. There were many other testimonies of the grace of God. This

lady began to hold Bible studies in her home. Because people had known her and seen the tremendous difference after her healing they were curious to know more about God. Soon a new church started in her village. People from neighboring villages also attended her Bible study and new churches began also in those villages!

Today our associate Simon Haqq continues to make frequent visits to the state of Punjab for a number of evangelistic outreaches.

Please pray for him and his team!

Paul Rains



Housewives Who Gather on the Street To Visit. They Were Surprised to See Me, a Foreigner, Wander through Their Neighborhood.

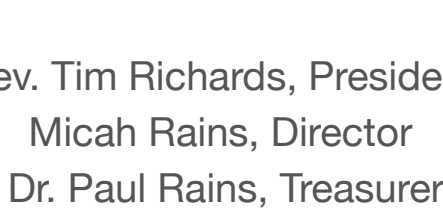
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