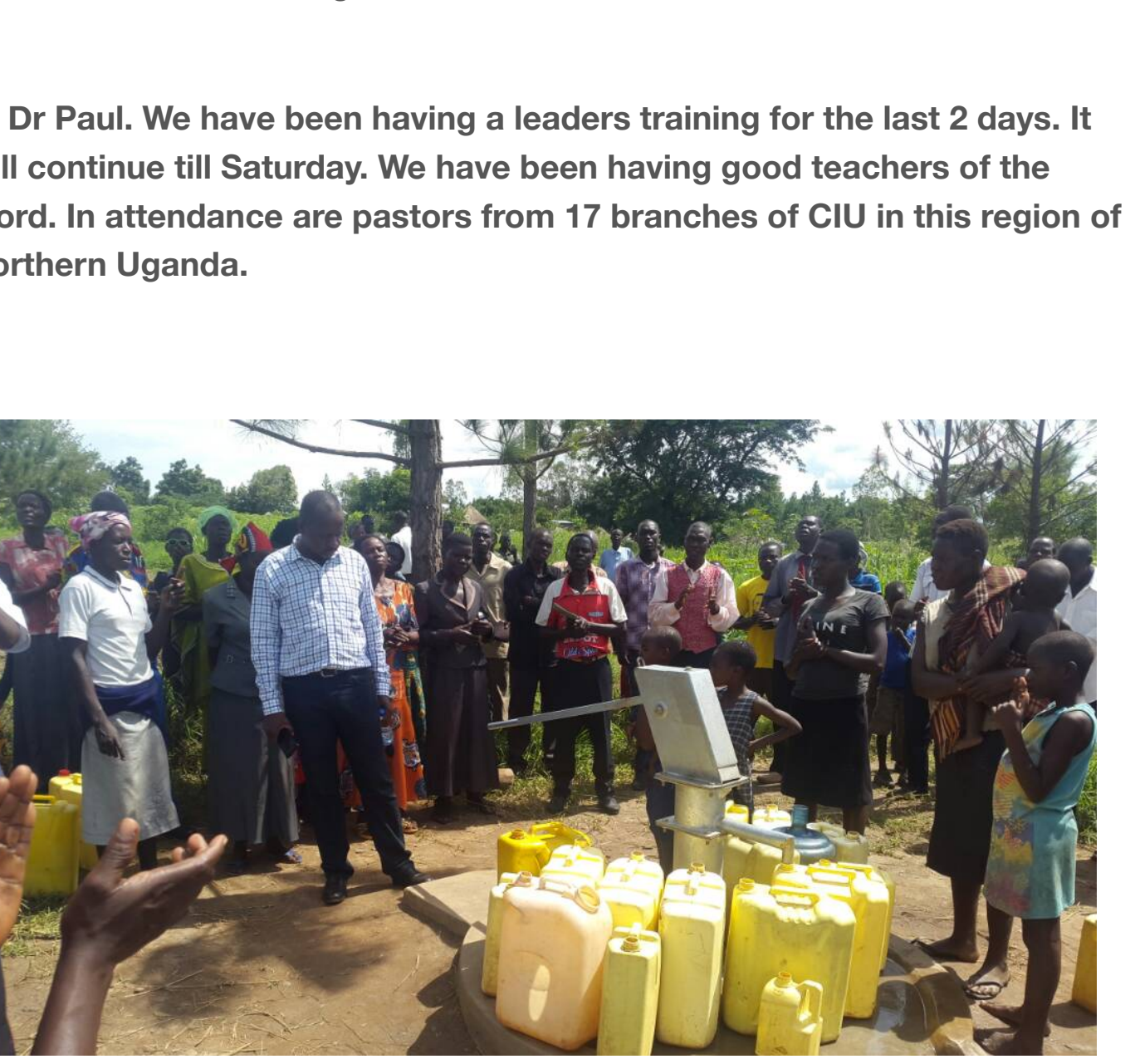


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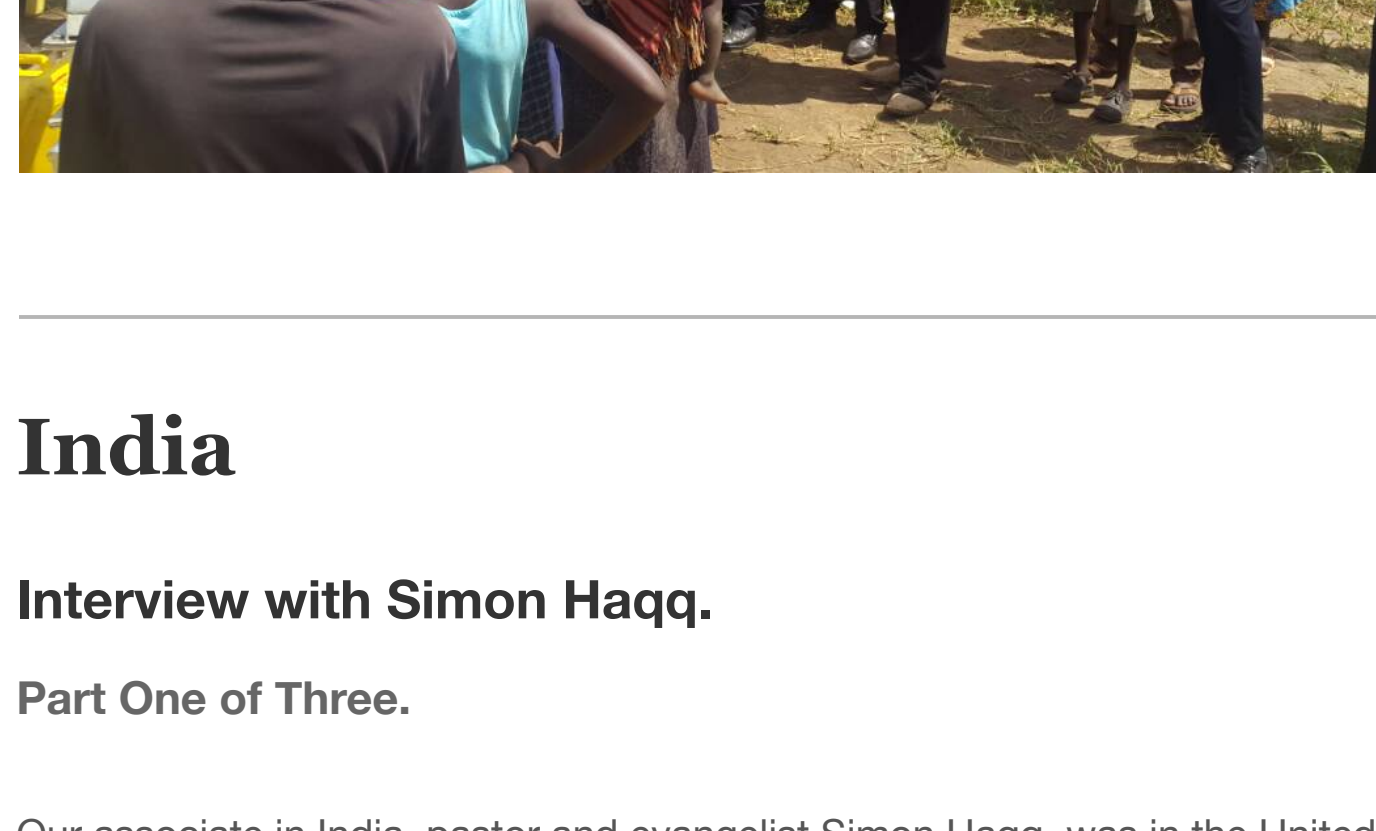
Uganda

From our associate in Uganda, pastor and evangelist Raphael, we receive this report:



We are currently in Karuma for a three days leaders and Pastors conference. We are expecting 225 leaders and Pastors from different branches of CIU Healing Centres.

Hi Dr Paul. We have been having a leaders training for the last 2 days. It will continue till Saturday. We have been having good teachers of the Word. In attendance are pastors from 17 branches of CIU in this region of Northern Uganda.



Also we have been able to launch one deep well for our Karuma Church. God has been gracious to this village as some people introduced to us by a Bishop friend of mine have helped us dig it. Its a team of engineers from USA. Their work is to help villages get clean water. So we were launching this well in this time.

We plan to have another leaders' conference in July.



India

Interview with Simon Haqq.

Part One of Three.

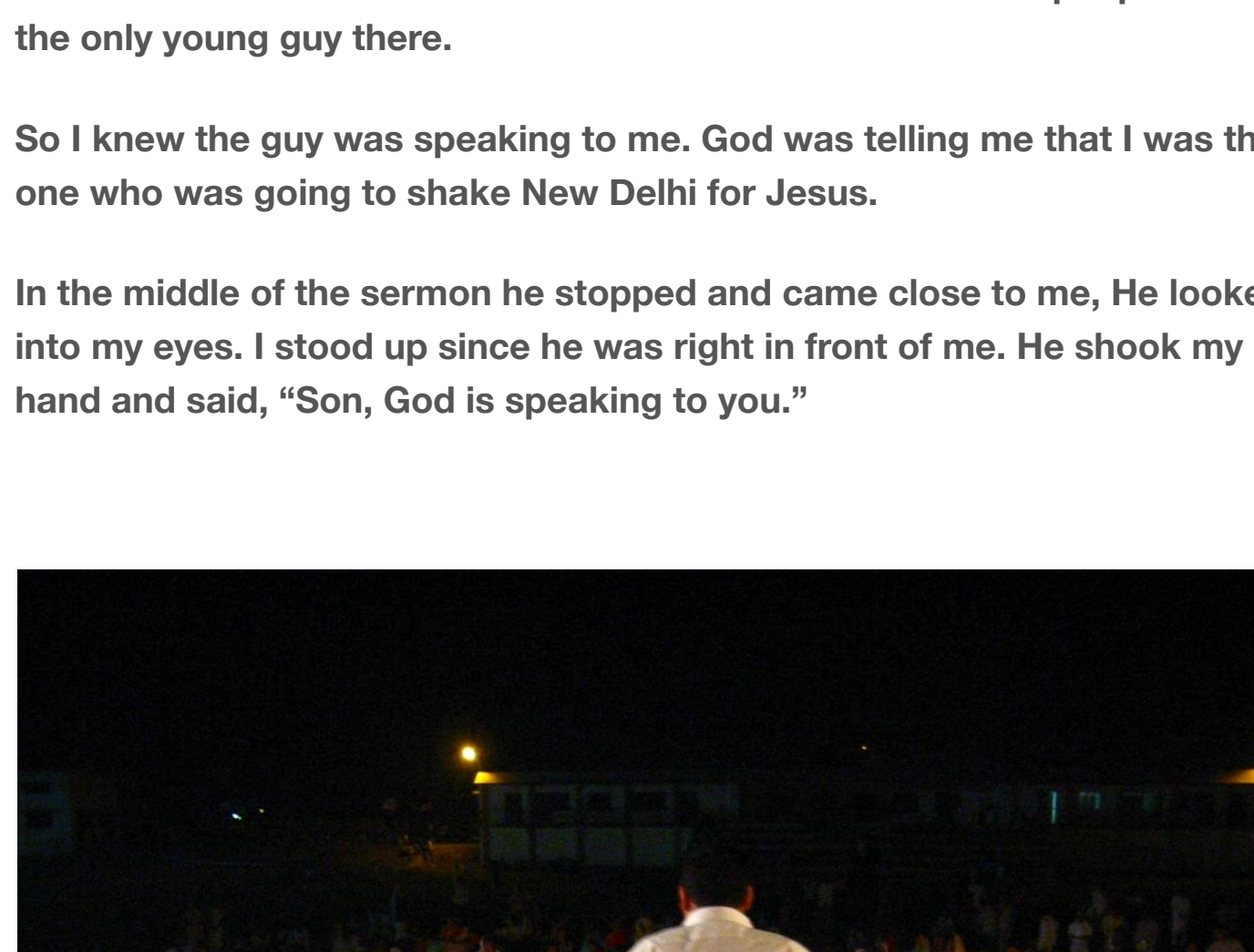
Our associate in India, pastor and evangelist Simon Haqq, was in the United States in March. I took advantage of that opportunity to interview him. Here's what we discussed:

Simon, how and when did you receive Christ as your Savior?

On January 5, 1990, I gave my heart to the Lord. I was working for a tea garden and I came back to Delhi on holiday and I thought I would meet one of my cousins. She was not a believer when I knew her years before. But when I called her I was surprised to see that she was married to an Assembly of God pastor.



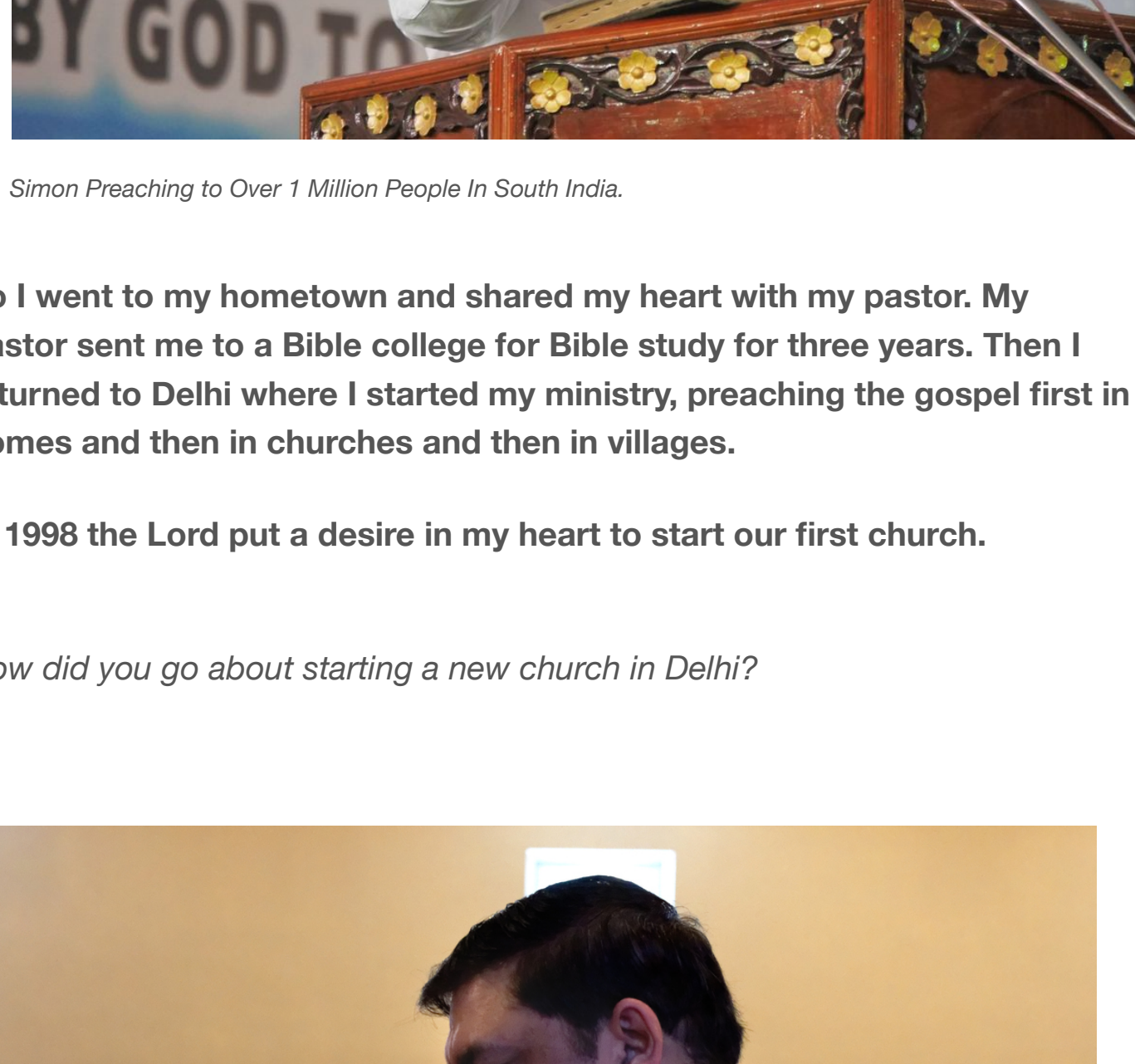
She invited me to her home and talked about Jesus and she had a deep desire to save my soul! She invited me to her house and we talked about Jesus. I desired to know more about Jesus. Her husband being a pastor invited me to church on Sunday. In the meantime, my mother was always writing letters to me saying, "Simon, God has got the best job for you."



So I was thinking, "the best job means the best company." So this pastor comes and stands in the pulpit. He was looking very good, dressed in a nice black suit, white shirt and tie and saying, "You know people, I have the best job in the world."

When he said that those words really touched me because my mother said the same thing, that God is going to give me the best job. So I thought to myself, "Is this the best job that God has for me?"

After the service, the pastor said to me, "Simon, we have an evening meeting. Please come for the evening meeting also." Since I was related to him through my cousin I felt that I couldn't say no to him so I said, yes I will come for the evening meeting.



Passer Simon Haqq

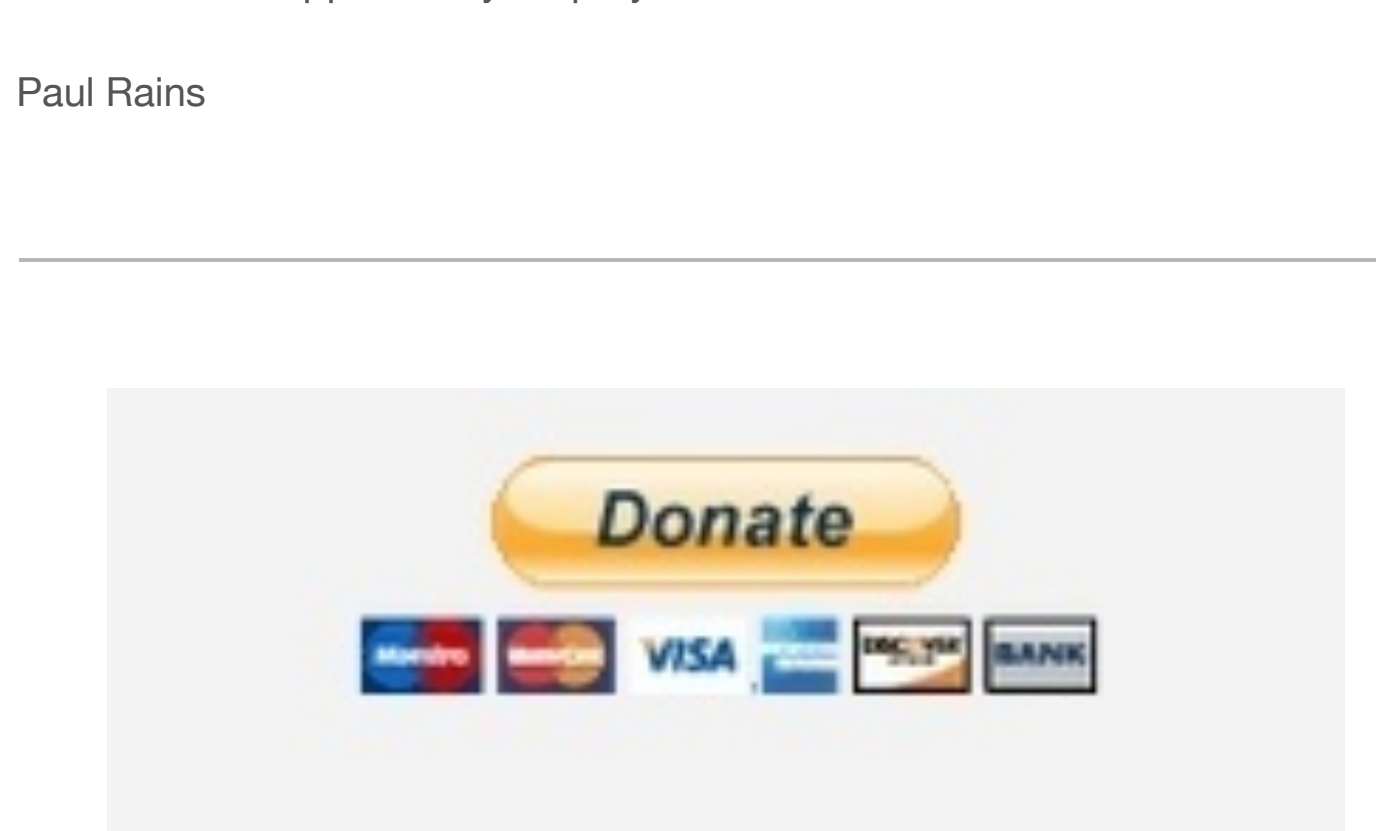
Then in the evening he had the superintendent of the Assemblies of God church come there to minister. There were very few people present. There were perhaps 20 people. While he was preaching, in the middle of the sermon, he stopped and said, "there is someone here who is going to stir Delhi for Jesus."

As he said that there was something in my heart that said, "I am the man who is going to do that. I am the man that he's talking about."

Then I looked around to see who was there. There were about 20 people. There was an African. There was an Iranian. There were old people. I was the only young guy there.

So I knew the guy was speaking to me. God was telling me that I was the one who was going to shake New Delhi for Jesus.

In the middle of the sermon he stopped and came close to me, He looked into my eyes. I stood up since he was right in front of me. He shook my hand and said, "Son, God is speaking to you."



An Open-Air Meeting in Punjab

When he said that the power of God touched my life at that very moment. A deep desire came into my heart.

I said to myself, "This is it. This is what I want to do now."

Then and there I decided to leave my job and follow Jesus.

I was working in a tea garden as an assistant manager. It was a very good job. Any guy would dream to have a job like that. I had a lot of money in that job. I had a good house and a nice car. I had servants.

When I came a believer I said to myself that now that I have committed my life to the Lord I will serve him.

Simon Preaching to Over 1 Million People In South India.

So I went to my hometown and shared my heart with my pastor. My pastor sent me to a Bible college for Bible study for three years. Then I returned to Delhi where I started my ministry, preaching the gospel first in homes and then in churches and then in villages.

In 1998 the Lord put a desire in my heart to start our first church.

How did you go about starting a new church in Delhi?

We had a Gospel meeting in one of our areas. We had 50 to 60 people who gave their lives to the Lord as first-time believers. I thought that since God touched their lives they needed a church to go to. The mainline churches refused to accept them in their churches because they were from a non-Christian background. So the Lord led me to start at home church with these new believers.

How many churches do you have in Delhi now?

We have 8 churches with an average attendance of 120 people. We are working with 12 pastors and four evangelists.

Are you mostly a pastor or mostly an evangelist?

On Sundays I make sure I go to my church to be there with my people, but during the weekdays I go out in northern India in various locations where we have evangelistic meetings.

On a Personal Note: An Update

Thank you for your prayers. The prostatectomy that I had April 17 was successful. The prostate was removed and the surrounding tissues including the lymph glands were all negative. By all accounts the cancer has been removed from my body! I thank God for His healing intervention.

When you think of me do lift me up in prayer since there is still some significant post-surgical recovery ahead.

My brother Marlon is scheduled to have the same kind of surgery on May 14. He also would appreciate your prayers.

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