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## “HEART’S DELIGHT”

D. John Richard

*Ramesh Richard’s Prelude:*

I usually write a biblical-theological-practical reflection to open this publication, but I must defer, especially on this important matter, to my dad—the biggest, deepest and longest spiritual influence in my life. So although I could wax eloquent on the subject at hand, I yield to my father’s comments on my mother, Manorama, whose name means “delightful to the heart; pleasing to the mind.”

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## THE GLOBAL PROCLAMATION CONGRESS FOR PASTORAL TRAINERS: A HISTORIC FIRST (D.V.)

Just before a quarterly board meeting that would close out 2013, Dr. Ramesh Richard wrote the RREACH board of directors to deliver news they expected and at the same time hoped against. Under the subject line “Private: Manila closed,” Dr. Richard confirmed that the city, which had for two years been locked in as the location for the 2016 Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers, was no longer an option. Following November’s massive destruction caused by the strongest typhoon ever to make landfall, RREACH’s strategic partners in

Manila needed to turn their attention to reconstruction.

“Now that I’ve exhausted known possibilities there,” he wrote in that December 18 email, “I look forward to seeing what God has in mind for this project.”

Trusting God despite discouragement over the loss of two years of relationship-building and planning, Dr. Richard and the RREACH board were guardedly hopeful when a potential new location arose almost immediately.

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# “Heart’s Delight”

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**“Manorama”**

My wife of almost 64 years, born in 1924 in Salem, Tamil Nadu, India, was promoted to glory on April 29, 2014, in Richardson, Texas, USA. Had she lived for 32 more days, we would have celebrated our 64th wedding anniversary. Even as her name suggests, she brought fullness of

satisfaction to me and our four children, Ramesh, Ramani, Ravi and Rajiv, along with their spouses and children. We have six great-grandchildren. Her sorrow was that she could not see our sixth great-grandchild recently born. Truly it could be said of her that she was concerned about everyone in our extended household, including our loved ones in India and here in the United States.

More importantly, under God, she was instrumental in leading our four children to Christ while they were yet in their tender years. Glory to God, all of them have a concern for the advance of Christ’s cause. Along with me they are discovering the truth of 1 Corinthians 4:20, that the kingdom of God is not in word (words piled upon words) but in power (power over passion, power over pride, and power over all that brings grief to the holy heart of God).

Manorama was one who readily shared with visitors what little we had. On one occasion, Mr. L, a member of

the church where we worshipped, called on us in our home. He was not happy with certain things in our church, and he referred to me as one of the unholy trinity, the other two being the pastor and our lay leader. I used to pray for him regularly and therefore I could not harbor any resentment in my heart.

Soon after Mr. L arrived, Manorama brought him a cup of coffee. He told Manorama, “I have come here to fight with your husband and you are bringing me a cup of coffee.” Manorama responded, “You may fight with my husband, but please drink my coffee.” Some months after this visit, Mr. L lay dying at his breakfast table. His last words to his wife were: “Remember me to John Richard.”

Yet another mark of her commitment to our Lord Jesus was when I was called to full-time Christian work. I was serving as a member of the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI). In one of our committee

meetings in 1965, Rev. Dr. I. Ben Wati, the Executive Secretary of EFI, shared with us that his workload was quite heavy and he needed someone to help him full-time. The committee agreed to the request and said we would pray about it. I led in prayer for this specific need. At the end of the meeting two veteran missionaries approached me to consider becoming the answer to my own prayers. I told them I had merely prayed that God would raise someone else to assist Ben.

I shared with them that Manorama and I had four children ranging in age from 13 to five and that the salary for the EFI job



The immediate Richard family at Dr. John Richard's 90th birthday, February 2013

would be a third or quarter of that which Indian Airlines, my employer at that time, was paying me. I told them I would be sharing with Manorama this offer and that we would seek the mind of the

Lord. After a few weeks of prayer, Manorama gave her glad consent. That's how I entered into full-time service with the Lord in January 1966. Manorama never hankered after earthly riches, and we can therefore wholeheartedly subscribe to the truth of Psalm 37:25, "I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread."

To God be the glory!

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And, after much prayerful and careful deliberation, on May 30, the RREACH board confirmed another world-class city as the location of the GProCongress for Pastoral Trainers. The Lord willing, the eight-day Congress will take place June 15–22, 2016, near Bangkok, Thailand.

### **GProCongress**

The GProCongress will expand and intensify pastoral training initiatives worldwide in order to build a community of healthier pastors, healthier churches and healthier societies that better fulfill God's Great Commission.

This first-of-its-kind Congress is for all pastoral trainers involved in formal or non-formal training anywhere in the world, along with those who aspire to be pastoral trainers and those who desire to fund organizations with this

strategic objective. It is one of three legs of the decade-long Global Proclamation Commission, which seeks to connect, unite and strengthen 100,000 pastoral leaders from 200 countries by 2020.

### **“Best” location**

Despite the current political situation in Thailand, the RREACH board—with the input of a cross-section of Christian leaders worldwide as well as local and regional experts in business, government and security—sensed Bangkok to be the best location. Among its benefits are the confluence of a hospitality culture, competitive costs, and the availability of excellent volunteers and facilities.

“Of special importance was my relationship with Pastor Enoch Sirikul of Thailand Campus Crusade, who has happily and humbly extended the formal

invitation to be the hands and feet for this important event in church history,” Dr. Richard said of the decision for Bangkok.

Bangkok was revealed as the official Congress location during the June 28 graduation banquet for the 2014 Dallas GPA. The website, [www.GProCongress.org](http://www.GProCongress.org), opened publicly July 1 for information and discussion and will open for registration this fall.

### **Next steps**

With the location in place, efforts are in full swing to mobilize up to 5,000 pastoral trainers who will attend. Important negotiations toward venue, lodging, catering and transportation costs are also underway, as are efforts to find the right staff in the areas of delegate mobilization, program development,

fundraising and post-Congress follow up, which will take place over four years.

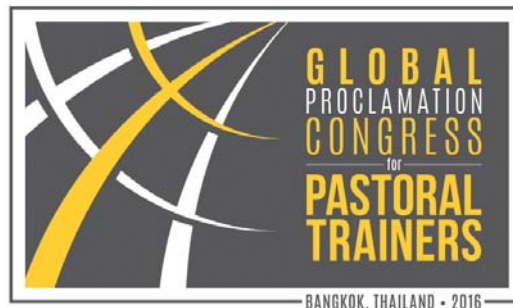
Despite fears to the contrary, much of the work completed toward a Manila Congress has been quite easily transferred to a Bangkok Congress.

With the foundation laid, a flurry of work continues. More tasks and decisions await Congress leadership in the future, and as Ramesh wrote those several months ago, he and the RREACH board continue to “look forward to seeing what God has in mind for this project.” In the meantime, God continues to show Himself sovereign over all parts of the project in its possibilities and difficulties.

“We want to hold the Congress rightly, neither lightly nor tightly,” Dr. Richard recently wrote to key stakeholders, adding encouragement from the

Psalms: “I cry out to God Most High who accomplishes all things for us” (Ps. 57:2) with the confidence that “The Lord will accomplish what concerns me” (Ps. 138:8).

Please continue to pray for Ramesh Richard and the Congress team as they work toward the 2016 GProCongress. 🙏



### Pray for the Congress:

- Favor in negotiations toward venue, lodging, catering and transportation costs.
- The right people to complete the Congress team, for positions both in the United States and in Thailand.
- The resources—human, financial, technological and other—needed for this Congress to take place in 2016.
- That those who wish to attend the Congress are able to raise the money needed.

# { JULY 2014 }

Sunday

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Pray daily for...

1  
Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.

2  
Our 2014 Media Outreach campaign to be successful in reaching thousands around the globe.

3  
GPA graduates to apply what they learned during the Global Proclamation Academy.

4  
Speaking and evangelistic opportunities to arise for Dr. Richard.

5  
Unity among RREACH staff and protection against spiritual attack.

6  
The Lord to expand RREACH's programs and projects.

7  
Meetings regarding the Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers today through 7/9.

8  
The GProCongress team to have wisdom and guidance on the vision and direction of the Congress.

9  
Ramesh and Bonnie to continue to grow in their love for God and one another.

10  
Wisdom in utilizing social media for evangelism.

11  
The Lord's specific guidance and quality execution of each operational detail for the GProCongress.

12  
New media opportunities for Dr. Richard to present the Lord Jesus around our world.

13  
Dr. Richard, his family and the RREACH board and staff to remain focused on the Lord Jesus Christ.

14  
God to be glorified in all that RREACH does.

15  
Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.

16  
RREACH to have efficiency and wisdom in raising and spending resources.

17  
God's presence to be felt by Ramesh and each of the staff in discernible and energizing ways.

18  
The lost to know Jesus through our LifeRocks Facebook page.

19  
Ongoing connection among pastors brought together through the Dallas GPA and national GPAs.

20  
God to use the RREACH staff to efficiently accomplish ministry strategies.

21  
Comprehensive resources: spiritual, intellectual, financial and human, to be amply provided in God's "just in time" ways.

22  
The supporters of RREACH to be blessed by their faithful support of Dr. Richard and the organization.

23  
Ryan; Robby and his wife, Nathalie, and their children, Joshua and Emma; and Sitara-that the Lord will guide their steps.

24  
GPA BURUNDI, today through 8/2. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to one another.

25  
LifeRocks Facebook posts to generate deep reflection and conversation with our Media Outreach team.

26  
Efficient and effective communication with Dallas GPA graduates planning future national GPAs.

27  
God to continue to empower the ministry of the RREACH staff.

28  
Total protection and global provision for the GProCongress.

29  
The Lord's guidance and wisdom as we strive to be good stewards of what God has provided.

30  
Distribution of "Scripture Sculpture" to seminaries around the world to come to fruition.

31  
Potential friends to be introduced to the ministry.

GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

GProCongress=Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers

# { AUGUST 2014 }

Sunday

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Pray daily for...

1  
Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.

2  
Protection for the pastors' health, families and ministries as GPA BURUNDI comes to a close.

3  
The Lord to provide RREACH with His presence, provision and protection.

4  
New translation work of "Scripture Sculpture" into German, French and Hindi.

5  
The Lord to expand RREACH's programs and projects.

6  
Dr. Richard's books, talks and videos to reach and teach many throughout the world.

7  
GPA BOTSWANA, today through 8/16. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to one another.

8  
Spiritual awareness to be raised through the use of LifeRocks Facebook posts.

9  
Praise God for the people and resources He is raising up to provide for the GProCongress.

10  
Physical, mental and spiritual refreshment for Ramesh and the RREACH staff.

11  
RREACH to be used to reach into large numbers of desperate souls around our world with lasting solutions.

12  
"Wisdom Toward Outsiders" to train Christians to reach their international neighbors.

13  
LifeRocks media outreach to help build up spiritual lives and lead many to the Lord Jesus Christ.

14  
GPA graduates to continue to be fruitful in their ministries.

15  
Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.

16  
Protection for the pastors' health, families and ministries as GPA BOTSWANA comes to a close.

17  
The right personnel to round out the RREACH ministry.

18  
GPA SWAZILAND, today through 8/27. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to one another.

19  
RREACH to meet its 2014 general fund budget by December 31.

20  
GPA TOGO, today through 8/29. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to one another.

21  
Dr. Richard to have a safe and productive trip to the Middle East and Africa.

22  
Dr. Richard, as he attends the Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary graduation.

23  
Bonnie as Ramesh travels.

24  
Ramesh and RREACH as, by Only God, we climb this ministry mountain.

31  
Potential friends to be introduced to the ministry.

25  
The love of God to be felt by those who come in contact with RREACH events and ministries.

26  
Our 2014 Media Outreach campaign to reach thousands.

27  
Protection for the pastors' health, families and ministries as GPA SWAZILAND comes to a close.

28  
All equipment and computers to work correctly at the RREACH office.

29  
Protection for the pastors' health, families and ministries as GPA TOGO comes to a close.

30  
Wisdom, direction and funding for the Global Proclamation Commission.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pray daily for...	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.	2 God to use Dr. Richard to encourage those attending a missions conference in São Paulo, Brazil.	3 All projects to be fully funded according to God's will and to make great impact worldwide.	4 Dr. Richard as he prepares for the 2015 Media Outreach message.	5 Follow-up with GPA graduates to be effective and encouraging.	6 New access and opportunity to spread the Lord's message rapidly everywhere.
7 God to continue to empower the ministry of the RREACH staff.	8 RREACH as we work towards the vision of changing the way One Billion Individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ.	9 The funding for future pastors conferences to come together.	10 God to protect Dr. Richard's health and physical resources.	11 GPA COOK ISLANDS, today through 9/20. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to one another.	12 Praise the Lord for RREACH's faithful supporters.	13 Wisdom in utilizing social media for evangelism.
14 Dr. Richard's overseas travel arrangements to be well organized and impactful.	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.	16 God to bless the board and staff of RREACH as they faithfully serve.	17 Those who attended previous RREACH pastors conferences to flourish as leaders.	18 Safety as RREACH board members travel to the quarterly meetings 9/19-9/20.	19 RREACH board meetings to be Spirit-led and that the board will seek God's wisdom to further the ministry of RREACH.	20 Protection for the pastors' health, families and ministries as GPA COOK ISLANDS comes to a close.
21 God to be glorified by all that RREACH does.	22 The Lord to help us reach our goal of raising \$31.5m by 2020.	23 LifeRocks Facebook posts to generate deep reflection and conversation with our Media Outreach team.	24 Wisdom, gratitude and humble confidence to make the right connections for the GProCongress.	25 Dr. Richard to be well rested as he communicates God's Word at the Global Technology Leaders Conference in Athens, Greece.	26 Protection against spiritual attacks and for unity among the staff.	27 The Lord to expand RREACH's products, platforms and partnerships.
28 The Lord to provide new donors, churches, foundations and key contacts.	29 Ramesh and Bonnie to continue to grow in their love for God and one another.	30 God to be glorified in all that RREACH does.	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCongress=Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers	<p>The RREACH staff prays daily for all types of needs. It would be a blessing to pray for you. Yes, YOU! Please send your prayer requests to <a href="mailto:mary@rreach.org">mary@rreach.org</a> and let us lift you up!</p>	

## VISION

RREACH envisions changing the way  
One Billion Individuals think and hear about the  
Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

## MISSION

A Global Proclamation Ministry, RREACH  
implements God's calling and gifting on Ramesh Richard  
to promote the Lord Jesus Christ worldwide.

## STRATEGY

We accelerate our global impact by the wise use and mix  
of personal proclamation, media outreach, and ministry  
training to evangelize opinion leaders, strengthen pastoral  
leaders, and reach large numbers of individuals,  
especially of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

## THEME VERSE

"And many will come from east and west and from north  
and south, and will recline at the table  
in the kingdom of God." — Luke 13:29

Thank you for helping us to RREACH into large  
numbers of desperate souls around our  
broken world with lasting solutions.



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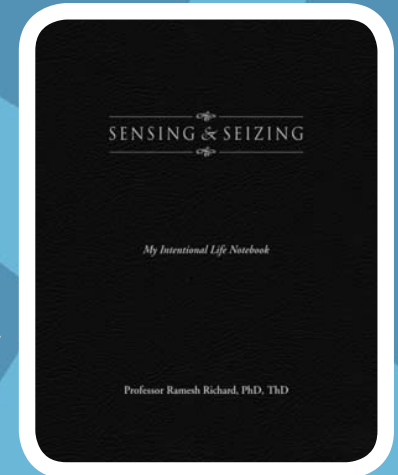


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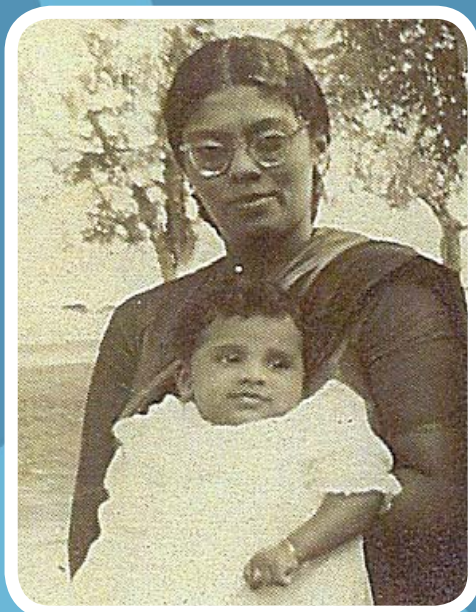
## RESOURCE

### Sensings & Seizings

Dr. Richard  
has prepared  
a special  
notebook for  
you. You can  
record your  
visits with God  
in His Word  
and have your  
very own  
Intentional Life  
notebook.



On each page you will find a quote  
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book is available to you for \$15.00, plus  
shipping—a great way to journal your  
thoughts and a great gift to someone in  
your family or a friend. 🙌



Manorama with her  
first-born, Ramesh

*Ramesh's Postlude:*

Our entire immediate family was there to say a grateful, earthly farewell to my beloved mother in song, prayer and other expressions of love. Condolences poured in from across the world because of my parents' long faithfulness to the Lord Jesus around this globe. I never

knew we were loved so much. Really, I didn't know that I loved her so much.

Because of my mother's evangelistic role in my salvation and encouraging role in the ministry, the Board of RREACH has set up the *Mother's Care Fund*. As an extension of our ongoing *Pastor's Family Care Fund*, gifts which come in as memorial gifts in honor of Manorama Richard will help pastors' wives in economically deprived situations to take care of the physical and educational needs of their children.

Since disaster and deprivation are all around us, and pastors sacrifice privileges for the sake of their congregations, RREACH has established this limited fund for the practical care of pastors' wives and children. Not a generic relief project, this fund serves only pastors and their families. I invite your financial participation in memory of my mother, Manorama, who delighted many more hearts than just those of our immediate family during her 90 years of faithfulness to the Lord, her husband, her family, and the body of Christ. 🙏

## Partnership Opportunities

To partner financially in God's work through Dr. Richard and RREACH, please consider the following needs in 2014:

- Global Proclamation Commission: \$150,000
  - 2014 Dallas GPA: \$225,000
  - GProCongress: \$300,000
  - National GPAs: \$300,000
- Dr. Richard's Personal Proclamation
  - Onsite: \$27,500
  - Media Outreach: \$140,000
  - Pastors Conferences: \$100,000
- Pastor's Family Care Fund and Mother's Care Fund: \$60,000

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## Giving methods

- Check: Make payable to RREACH. Use attached envelope or send to RREACH address.
- Online: Click “Give Online” at [www.rreach.org](http://www.rreach.org).
- Wire transfer: Please contact Director of Operations David Brugger, [david@rreach.org](mailto:david@rreach.org), 972-528-6100 x 11 or 1-800-RREACH-World.
- Stock, securities, etc.: Please contact David Brugger.



Ramesh praying with pastors at the 2014 GPA Dominican Republic



# Ramesh Richard's Itinerary and RREACH Events

7-9 GProCongress Meeting—Dallas, TX  
24-31 GPA BURUNDI

1-2 GPA BURUNDI  
7-16 GPA BOTSWANA  
18-27 GPA SWAZILAND  
20-29 GPA TOGO  
21-22 JETS Graduation—Amman, JORDAN

1-9 Missions Conference—São Paulo, BRAZIL  
11-20 GPA COOK ISLANDS  
19-20 RREACH Board Meetings—Dallas, TX  
25-29 CRU Global Ops Leaders—Athens, GREECE

Ramesh's role at Dallas Seminary is temporarily restructured in view of the 2016 Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers. Instead of semester-long teaching, he now serves in worldwide representation of the Seminary as Professor of Global Theological Engagement and Pastoral Ministries. In addition to RREACH's organizational demands in leadership and fundraising, numerous speaking engagements and ministry projects continue to develop throughout the year. Due to the nature of overseas work, all dates, locations and formats are subject to change. Please pray for divine protection, competence, and effectiveness on this servant and his family.

## There He Goes...Again: Personal Proclamation

By themselves, prepositions are insignificant; in context, they are vital. Ramesh Richard told the Global Alliance for Church Multiplication Forum in April that the preposition for ministry leaders is “through.” Ministry leaders are useful as God looks, leads and lives *through* them.

Over the last few months God's ministry through Dr. Richard has taken him (again) to extremes. He conducted a conference for 170 fledgling pastors and wives in remote Bihar, India, a region once known as "the graveyard of missions." Now, people are waiting in line to be baptized. The pastors are so new to their role that Dr. Richard had to take his teaching back to the basics of the spiritual life and ministry.

He then went to Bangalore to address a group of highly accomplished information technology engineers, mostly believers. One stated that God had used Ramesh in his life

many years earlier. The man has now moved from a position with a well-known corporation to the nonprofit world. He works to improve healthcare in the impoverished sectors of India.

first weekend, he spoke to 1,600 “very serious about their faith” high-school youth at a conference in Iowa. He came away feeling “more hopeful for America.” The next weekend he spoke at a retreat for about 30 mostly retired professionals in the Texas Hill Country. Even though he was the speaker, he came away feeling ministered to.

A special prayer event at RREACH provided fortification as Ramesh juggled critical matters and the declining health of his mother, Manorama, throughout April. His schedule that month included a leadership conference in Indiana, a trip to GPA Myanmar and intensive GProCongress meetings in Thailand. Dr. Richard fulfilled his commitment to the conference, which was in honor of his late mentor Fred [Name], with his parents' blessing. [Name] called and prayed over him



## Ramesh's travels

On back-to-back weekends Dr. Richard exercised his ability to communicate with audiences ranging widely in age. The

held in honor of his late mentor Fred Smith, Sr., with his parents' blessing. His mother called and prayed over him

before he spoke to more than 1,200 students at the packed chapel session at Taylor University.

He then entrusted associates with GPA Myanmar and the GProCongress meetings, spending priceless days with his sister, two brothers and father around their mother and wife. Just a few weeks beyond her 90th birthday, Manorama Richard “graduated to heaven with highest honors,” Ramesh tweeted. The multitude of caring messages the family received from around the world deeply encouraged them.

A week and a half later, Dr. Richard spoke at a graduation of another kind—that of the first school that drew him to the United States nearly 40 years ago. He attended Multnomah University (then Multnomah School of the Bible) for three semesters before starting at Dallas Theological Seminary. He was honored that they asked “this dropout” to speak at their 2014 commencement. Later he encountered a barista at the local coffee shop who, recognizing him from the event, said, “I’ve been talking about your message all day. You made me laugh,


and you made me cry.”

Unscheduled moments, humanly speaking, come often to Ramesh. Over recent months he took the opportunity to talk of the Lord Jesus with the proprietor of a Greek restaurant he and Bonnie happened to stop at while traveling, an airplane seatmate, and with his long-time dry cleaner. He also enjoyed conversing with an Albanian political leader who, as a “man of peace,” loves helping Christians. The highly-placed government official affirmed that he follows Jesus as a teacher, yet was not ready, at Dr. Richard’s friendly inquiry, to consider Jesus as his Savior. This conversation will likely continue. The man has invited Dr. Richard to Albania to address Baltic States leaders.

The week prior to the Dallas GPA—the central event of RREACH’s annual calendar—Ramesh flew to Brazil to speak with some of the world’s most influential theological educators on linking formal and non-formal education models. The consultation was a prime opportunity for him as an entrenched member of both the formal and non-

formal sectors to encourage theological leaders to consider cooperative and complementary models of education that will more effectively benefit the nearly 2 million undertrained pastors around the world.

Before Ramesh got to the consultation, however, a series of unfortunate incidents resulted in his flying four 10-hour overnight flights in six days. By God’s grace, he arrived in São Paulo just in time to make his presentation and introduce the visionary 2016 Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers, which is strategically geared to accelerate spiritual health worldwide (see page 1). And he made it back to Dallas in time to greet the incoming 2014 Dallas GPA delegates!

As this newsletter goes to print, significant GProCongress meetings are taking place and two national GPAs are imminent. God is still working *through* Ramesh Richard, accomplishing what concerns him (Ps. 138:8). 

# National GPAs



## GPA Myanmar

Pastors from every major state, people group and denomination gathered in the ancient city of Bago in late April for GPA Myanmar. None of the 31 attending pastors (we always attempt to build cohorts of at least 25 pastors each) had previously experienced an event with such a diverse range of connections. Those connections, the pastors said, would influence each other's ministries "for life."

In spite of consistent triple digit temperatures and no air conditioning, the high-level young delegates were always on time and eager to learn. Five Dallas GPA grads from Myanmar helped organize the event, and three

were present during the entire GPA. They budgeted with such skill and integrity that they returned funds to RREACH.

Delegates and organizers share the conviction that GPA Myanmar will strongly influence the future of the evangelical church in Myanmar.


## GPA Rwanda

Expository preaching training, a core GPA component, proved a revelation for the 30 GPA Rwanda delegates in May. "I have never been in an academy where I was taught to teach the Bible first," one pastor revealed. The entire group held a time of repentance for how they had failed to honor God in their preaching.

Our national GPA Coordinator remarked on the excellent teaching and diligence of the four Rwandan Dallas GPA graduates who ran the national GPA. He also called the gathering an "amazing movement." In the 20th anniversary year



of Rwanda's horrific in-country genocide, the GPA connected, even united, pastors from both sides of the conflict.

On the final day, Dallas GPA grad Pastor M of neighboring country Burundi joined the group to observe and learn in preparation for GPA Burundi, scheduled for July. Delegates, organizers and area churches united in prayer to send him forth strengthened to replicate the GPA's connecting, uniting and strengthening process for eager-to-learn pastoral leaders in his own country. 

# 2014 Dallas Global Proclamation Academy

Twenty-three pastors from 23 different countries gathered for the ninth Dallas GPA June 8–28 at Dallas Theological Seminary this year. For the first time in GPA history, pastors from Bhutan, Cambodia and Nicaragua were able to attend.

Each day delegates received intensive training in theological discernment, expository preaching or biblical spirituality from a different, select Master Coach, such as the presidents/deans of DTS, Biola University and Multnomah University. One Master Coach commented, “This is the highlight of my summer.”

The delegates are now back ministering in their countries **connected**, **united** and **strengthened** in ways they have never before experienced.



Pray for the graduates of the 2014 Dallas GPA as they apply what they learned in their ministries and as they facilitate GPA-type training in their homelands—the location of the majority of the Christian faith at this time of Church history.

In their own words...

*I now have 22 more brothers and I love them!*

*I learned from the others. God is truly redeeming people across the globe.*


*I have now a deeper desire to train people for ministry.*

*I am completely turned around by the vastness and depth of God's knowledge and experience of our Master Coaches.*

*I told my wife, "You will not see the same person coming home."*

These fine, young pastoral leaders are the living implementation of RREACH's Global Proclamation

Commission vision to deliver spiritual health worldwide by connecting, uniting and strengthening 100,000 pastors from 200 countries by 2020.

Already, 1,000 pastors have gone through Dallas and national GPAs. 



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