

# RR CROSSING

RAMESH RICHARD EVANGELISM AND CHURCH HEALTH

A GLOBAL PROCLAMATION MINISTRY

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## “How Should I Save My Life?”

*Dear Lord, I feel I am at the end of my life. Please save me. I want God's help.*

*Now I am no longer a polytheist. I believe only Jesus as my REFUGE.*

*Please guide me on how should I save my LIFE. It's very serious. I am unable to believe how I am going to live hereafter. Please save me my LORD.*

*Humble Request. K*

K's is the cry of many, a cry to which Dr. Ramesh Richard responds in his 2014 media outreach messages.

## ONE RE-VERB

Do you need a hard reset of a sluggish spiritual life? Since we are quite like each other, my suspicion is that you again wish to restart spiritually. George Sweeting of Moody Bible Institute once noted, “The secret to victorious Christian living is found in a series of new beginnings.”

I like that line. We all need new beginnings frequently: yearly—perhaps on birthdays or New Year's Day; monthly—reflecting on the month ahead; weekly—a Sunday Sabbath habit. We even need renewal daily through devotional feeding.

Having encouraged numerous people to



refresh their spiritual life, I now come to you.

Most of us have heard the piercing noise of feedback echoing from audio equipment. Sound reverberates until it is unavoidable. It gets everyone's attention. A powerful exercise I shall call “Re-Verb” does the same—it draws attention to the word God is speaking into your heart. And it comes with strong scriptural warrant.

“How, now?” you ask. The apostle Paul said, “This one thing I do...” (Phil. 3:13b).

So, here's a suggested spiritual reset tactic for renewal.

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# Media Outreach: Telling About Who Can Save Lives?

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God continues to use Ramesh Richard's media messages to reach individuals with the life-saving news of the Lord Jesus Christ. In response to his January 2014 release, "LifeSaveyour," 25 individuals indicated they had welcomed the Lord Jesus Christ into their lives. The year-long set of 12 short video talks is themed "**Who Can Save Your Life Today?**"

This initiative primarily stems from Dr. Richard's LifeRocks Facebook page and LifeRocks.org website. Traffic is generated through Google ads and strategic posts, and emails of monthly short video releases, weekly spiritual thoughts and daily "God thoughts." Each begins and ends with "You think about it; let's talk about it," inviting the viewer to consider the message and dialogue with the RREACH team.

In 2013, a significant number of individuals were exposed to Dr. Richard's message, "You 2.0: Upgrading Your Personal Identity." (See p. 9 for information on our new "You 2.0" booklet designed to engage pre-Christians in thinking about God.) Many signified making decisions. An industry colleague noted RREACH's email response rate as above average.

Countries with the highest number of responders in 2013 included India, Philippines, Pakistan, Nepal and Indonesia, and 70 percent of responders were between ages 18 and 34.

### 2013 Facebook Activity\*

Newsfeed appearances - 49.8 million

Likes - 316,000

Shares - 8,247

### 2013 LifeRocks.org Response

Visitors - 189,000

Spiritual decisions indicated - 14,000

Decisions requesting follow-up - 3,700

Decisions to specifically trust Jesus - 516

January data showed strong exposure of the 2014 message. Of more than 20,500 visitors to the LifeRocks.org site, 1186 made professions and 239 requested follow-up in one month!

A man wrote:

*Hello I am H of Iraq, I am a M.sl.m 42 years old. I want to study theology, and so far the Christian religion is deeper because it is the most humane religion in the world. Thank you very much.*

Current audience demographics show 61 percent being ages 18–34 and responding primarily from India, Philippines, Pakistan, Egypt and Algeria. The last three countries listed bring deep joy to Ramesh and reveal spiritual hunger in neglected regions of the world.

Thank you for your prayers for this outreach. Please continue to intercede that many will trust the One who can save their lives—today. 🙏

\*For those unfamiliar with social media terminology, "newsfeed appearances" means the number of times our LifeRocks posts appear on users' home pages; "likes" means the number of times users indicate a positive response to a post; and "shares" means the number of times users choose to repost the content for friends to view.

# 2014 Dallas Global Proclamation Academy

## GLOBAL PROCLAMATION ACADEMY



A MINISTRY OF RREACH

### Progress report

The ninth annual Dallas Global Proclamation Academy is just weeks away! RREACH is praying and preparing to bring 25 strategically-chosen pastoral leaders from 25 countries to the campus of Dallas Seminary for three intense weeks of high-level training and relationship-building.

As of March 1 we have accepted 25 candidates, five from new countries: Angola, Bhutan, Cambodia, Gambia and Nicaragua. Fourteen have secured their visas to come.

Pastor J of Zimbabwe, the first to apply for his visa this year, is rejoicing. After being rejected twice last year, he was approved this year.

*The Lord humbled me this morning," he wrote "I got the US visa. He showed me His kindness,*

*mercy and love. I am so full of praise of Him at the moment. I cannot stop to saying, Thank You Lord.*

### Opportunities

*"Dallas GPA was a platinum experience for me."*

*Pastor E, Singapore*

RREACH is grateful for partnering churches, groups and individuals who help make the Dallas GPA an outstanding experience each year. One special way to show the pastors support is to attend their GPA Graduation Banquet, Saturday, June 28.

We also invite your prayer, sponsorship of events, and volunteer assistance, as the Lord may lead. It's a privilege to learn about these pastors' ministries and bond with them in Christ. Please join us!

### Opportunities

- Global Prayer Commission
- GPA Graduation Dinner, Saturday, June 28, Westin Hotel, Dallas

- Global Impact Lunches – hear about two pastors' ministries over lunch at DTS
- Host a pastor (Saturday/Sunday in June)

### Sponsorships

- resources (e.g. backpacks, toiletries, ministry tools, gifts for wives)
- special events/transportation
- meals
- graduation dinner table/centerpiece
- cost of a pastor's attendance

### Volunteering

- welcome/hospitality
- preparation (e.g. assembling kits/ manuals, wrapping gifts, administrative details)
- banquet assistance (e.g. décor, set-up, registration)

Please call 972-528-6100 or email [melissa@rreach.org](mailto:melissa@rreach.org) regarding the above opportunities. Thank you for helping us make the 2014 GPA another "platinum experience!" 🙏



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For the last three months, I have challenged family and friends, staff and board, to prayerfully think about the “one theme, one thing or one thrust” to characterize the next period of their life, expressed in a single word.

A verb often works best to serve as a guiding principle and a practical aspiration. But you need not limit yourself to verbs. Consider the following words that family and friends have chosen:

Prepare	Focus
Active	Faithful
Tethered	Flow
Stand	Trust

Powerful. I also asked them to pick Scripture that goes with their word.

This verb choice is extremely personal.

It's simply a matter God has brought to your attention for intentional application. Such intentionality will give you focus, energy, even victory. You will find yourself rehearsing your verb not only for concentrating your mind, but also for concrete action. It will stretch you in the present tense. It will also help you progressively understand more deeply its implications. It will be a powerful tool for your restart.

For those who didn't ask me earlier but are eager to know, my one re-verb is *kneel*. God has been convicting me toward this practice for a while. I used to kneel before the Lord often but had gotten away from the practice of kneeling in prayer (cf. Jesus, Luke 22:41; Daniel, Dan. 6:10).

The verse for my verb, Psalm 95:6,

reflects a personal and corporate welcome before God: “Come let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”

Kneeling is a symbol for worship (Luke 5:8), which I will never fully grasp until heaven. It shows respect (Mark 1:40) and submission (Rom. 14:11) and declares my need for strength in my feebleness (Heb. 12:12). If everyone is going to kneel anyway (Phil. 2:10; Rom. 14:10b, 11), I might as well start now.

Of course, kneeling is sourced in the heart. The Old Testament viewed knees as a symbol of strength. So to bow the knee is to bend our strength, acknowledging our weakness before God. Church father Clement wrote about “bending the knees of your heart.” Abba Apollo, a Desert Father, “saw the



devil, black and ugly, with frighteningly thin limbs, but most strikingly, he had no knees." My unwillingness to kneel is diabolical.

So may I encourage you to pick a verb and a verse to go along with it? No choice is wrong, unless it is against God. Your choice makes you neither superior nor inferior. It is not to be followed in a ritualistic, superstitious or legalistic manner. It offers no merit in its picking or its practice, no expectation for others to conform to your choice. It serves as neither a resolution nor a goal, nor a January fitness center banner to be forgotten by February. Your choice need not remain the same forever, though it will likely become a regular part of your life.

Will you pick *one verb* to refresh the

next season of your spiritual life?

Actually, Bible translators supply the verb that Paul doesn't in "one thing I \_\_\_\_\_." Context reveals that Paul speaks not of "one thing I *know*," or "one thing I *believe*," but "one thing I *do*."

If you'd rather pick a noun or an adjective, go for it. There's no magic or mistake in the word-form itself.

In my last communication, I told you about an event 15 years ago when I asked 99 CEOs to describe their ministries in one word. I also shared the unique *noun* that guides RREACH as an organization. If you don't remember it, ask me for what I don't easily forget! In this article, I present a *verb* that governs me at the moment and hopefully for the rest of my life.

I'd like to hear your verb, and the Scripture that goes with it. After some prayerful thought, would you write me on the back flap of the attached envelope or send me an email ([ramesh@rreach.org](mailto:ramesh@rreach.org))? If you need a verse, we will find one for you. My Bonnie picked an outstanding word. If you want to receive hers, let me know. One of the advantages of this powerful exercise is that each of us can benefit from one another's pick.

I can't wait to hear about your new beginning toward a vital spiritual life. You will **resume** your pace, **reopen** your closed and crusty heart, **revitalize** your discouraged spirit. I like the power of the "**re-**" prefix—meaning "again, back again, again and again." Ready, **reset**...go. 🚦

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6

Speaking and evangelistic opportunities to arise for Dr. Richard.

13

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

20

The Lord to continue to provide balance between Dr. Richard's Global Proclamation Calling and Personal Proclamation Gifting.

27

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

Pray daily for...

7

Unity among RREACH staff and protection against spiritual attack.

14

Many to attend the RREACH prayer event for the upcoming 2014 Dallas GPA.

21

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

28

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

1

Dr. Richard to be well-rested as he communicates God's word in a Global Christian Theology class at Dallas Seminary.

8

The Lord to expand RREACH's programs and projects.

15

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

22

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

29

RREACH supporters to be blessed by their faithful support of Dr. Richard and his ministry.

2

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

9

Potential friends to be introduced to RREACH.

16

God to be glorified in all that RREACH does.

23

The Lord to expand RREACH's products, platforms and partnerships.

30

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

3

Qualified candidates to be nominated for the 2014 Dallas GPA.

10

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

17

RREACH to have efficiency and wisdom in raising and using resources.

24

Individuals attending the Taylor University chapel to be encouraged by Dr. Richard's message.

GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

4

LifeRocks Facebook posts to generate deep reflection and conversation with our media outreach team.

11

Wisdom in utilizing social media for evangelism.

18

The lost to know Jesus through our LifeRocks Facebook page.

25

GPA MYANMAR starting today through May 4. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected.



5

All preparations and funding for the Dallas GPA to come together prior to June.

12

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

19

Those who have attended RREACH pastors conferences to flourish as leaders.

26

Candidates preparing to attend the 2014 Dallas GPA.





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GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

Pray daily for...

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

2  
The Lord to provide RREACH with His presence, provision and protection.

3  
The Lord to provide funds needed for the Pastor's Family Care Fund.

4  
The pastors' health and safety as GPA MYANMAR comes to a close.

5  
New translation work of "Scripture Sculpture" into German, French and Hindi.

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

7  
Dr. Richard's books, talks and videos to reach and teach many throughout the world.

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

9  
God to use Dr. Richard's speaking at the Multnomah University commencement ceremonies.

10  
God to work out all the last-minute details of the Dallas GPA.

11  
Physical, mental and spiritual refreshment for Ramesh and the RREACH staff.

12  
RREACH to be used to reach into large numbers of desperate souls around our world with lasting solutions.

13  
The Lord to help us to reach our goal of finding 40 table sponsors by June 28 for the 2014 Dallas GPA graduation dinner.

14  
"Wisdom Toward Outsiders" to train Christians to reach their international neighbors.

15  
GPA RWANDA starting today through May 24. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected.

16  
Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.

17  
LifeRocks media outreach to help build spiritual lives and lead many to the Lord Jesus Christ.

18  
GPA graduates to continue to be fruitful in their ministries.

19  
The right personnel to round out the RREACH ministry.

20  
God to work out all the last-minute details for the Dallas GPA graduation June 28.

21  
The love of God to be felt by those who come in contact with RREACH events and ministries.

22  
Efficient and effective communication with Dallas GPA graduates planning future national GPAs.

23  
Ramesh and RREACH as, by Only God, we climb this ministry mountain.

24  
The pastors' health and safety as GPA RWANDA comes to a close.

25  
Potential friends to be introduced to RREACH.

26  
Our 2014 Media Outreach campaign to reach thousands.

27  
Wisdom, direction and funding for the Global Proclamation Commission.

28  
All equipment at the RREACH office to work correctly.

29  
The Lord to provide new donors, churches, foundations and key contacts.

30  
RREACH board meetings to be Spirit-led and seek God's wisdom to set the direction for RREACH.

31  
For soft hearts to respond to the message Dr. Richard delivers at the Dean Christian Fellowship.

# { J U N E 2 0 1 4 }

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<p>1</p> <p>Pray daily for...</p> <p>Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>All projects to be fully funded according to God's will and make great impact worldwide.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Dr. Richard and the 2014 media outreach monthly message.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>The GPA pastors to have safe travel, on-time flights, and all connections made from their countries to Dallas.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>New access and opportunity to spread the Lord's message rapidly everywhere.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>God to continue to empower the ministry of the RREACH staff.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>The staff to effectively coordinate last-minute details for the Dallas GPA.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Dallas GPA, today through June 28. Pray that God will use Dr. Richard as he launches the GPA and for the pastors' hearts to be deeply changed.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dallas GPA Master Coaches to have safe travel and for God to use each of them to encourage the pastors.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>The Dallas GPA Global Impact lunches to inspire those who attend.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>God to protect Dr. Richard's health and physical resources.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Dallas GPA pastors to remain healthy. Pray against any unforeseen medical emergencies.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Praise the Lord for RREACH's faithful supporters.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Host families to build lasting relationships with Dallas GPA pastors and each family to be encouraged by their visit.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Wisdom in utilizing social media for evangelism.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>The Dallas GPA pastors to continue to be spiritually challenged by the Master Coaches.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The families and churches of the Dallas GPA pastors to function well in their absence.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Go to bless the board and staff of RREACH as they faithfully serve.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>God to be glorified by all that RREACH does.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>The Lord to help us reach our goal of raising \$31.5m by 2020 for the GPro Commission.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>The GPA Sunday night social to be a time of relationship building as the pastors reunite.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>LifeRocks Facebook posts to generate deep reflection and conversation with our media outreach team.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>The Lord to expand RREACH's products, platforms and partnerships.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>The funding for future pastors conferences to come together.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Wisdom, gratitude and humble confidence to make the right connections for the GProCongress.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dr. Richard's books, talks and videos to reach and teach many throughout the world.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>The Dallas GPA graduation dinner to be a wonderful time of glorifying God.</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Travel mercies as the Dallas GPA graduates return home.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Protection against spiritual attacks and for unity among the staff.</p>	<p>GPA=Global Proclamation Academy</p>		<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.



# RREACH

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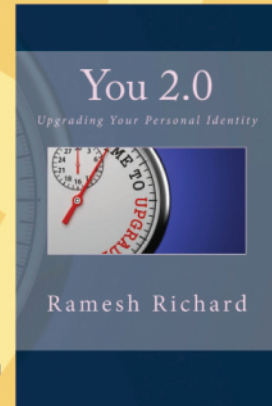
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## RRESOURCE

### YOU 2.0: Upgrading Your Personal Identity

This brand new booklet based on Dr. Richard's 2013 media outreach talks invites readers to upgraded lives. Short chapters with thought- and discussion-provoking questions guide how to move from "YOU Version 1.0" to "YOU Version 2.0." If you'd like to check on your own spiritual update status or offer friends a winsome way to explore theirs, "YOU 2.0" may be just the resource for you.

The cost is \$7.95, but we'd like to offer you the option to buy two for \$10. Share one with a friend! Call or email us for a copy (or several copies): 972-528-6100 or bob@rreach.org. 



# Haiti: Proclamation Replication



Ramesh preaching at a 6:00 am Sunday service in Haiti

in the "Scripture Sculpture" preaching method and has added it to the main local seminary's curriculum.

Ramesh also delivered three Sunday morning messages, with translation, in three different churches while there. His first preaching engagement started at 6:00 a.m.! "The place was packed to the rafters, pews were shoulder to shoulder, people sat in halls, on the patio and outside the building, listening through open doors and windows. They had their Bibles open and were paying attention," a colleague observed. "Would the rest of us have the energy to give three messages at three churches in three different parts of the city in one morning while also navigating developing-world traffic and stopping downtown [to film a short greeting for RREACH friends]?" 📺

A recent ministry trip revealed that Haiti's three Dallas GPA graduates are rapidly replicating their GPA training. Dr. Richard spoke at the graduation of 52 pastors who completed two years of GPA-inspired training organized by Pastor V. All bi-vocational, some of these pastors would travel up to seven hours on public transportation to get to the training.

Pastor B trains more than 550 pastors a year

# 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
- Other opportunities: \$100,000
- Pastor's Family Care Fund: \$60,000

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## Partnership Opportunities continued from page 10

### 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

### APRIL

- 1 Speaking at DTS (Global Christian Theology class)—Dallas, TX
- 2-4 GACX Forum—Plano, TX
- 21 RREACH Prayer Event—Dallas, TX
- 24-25 Taylor University "BWF" Chapel—Upton, IN
- 25-30 GPA MYANMAR
- 27-28 GProCongress Meeting—Bangkok, THAILAND

### MAY

- 1-4 GPA MYANMAR
- 9 Commencement Address, Multnomah University—Portland, OR
- 15-24 GPA RWANDA
- 28 Teaching at Beckett Bible Study—Dallas, TX
- 30 RREACH Board Meetings—Dallas, TX
- 31 Dean Christian Fellowship—Dallas, TX

### JUNE

- 1-7 Lausanne Theological Education Consultation—São Paulo, BRAZIL
- 8-28 2014 Global Proclamation Academy—Dallas, TX
- 28 Global Proclamation Academy Graduation Dinner—Dallas, TX

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

"It's about Him, through us," Ramesh Richard says concerning RREACH's ministry. He bears prayerfully the weight of his gift to personally proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ and his calling to do so globally.

So during the last few months he traveled from Singapore to Manila to Haiti to Thailand to the Dominican Republic to Cuba and to Panama—with U.S. stops in between—to connect with Dallas GPA graduates and to proclaim the Savior.

In Haiti, the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, Ramesh witnessed GPA graduates actively replicating their GPA training to the *third and fourth* generation. (See article on p. 10)

In Cuba, GPA graduates Pastor JC from the Dominican Republic and Pastor J from Cuba organized what was for them a historic event—a training

conference that drew 305 pastors and their spouses from nine denominations. The conference's magnificent opening, complete with bagpipes, orchestra and worship arts, was one of the grandest

ventured to ask a question (a conference feature Ramesh welcomes), other participants quickly hushed him. They wanted to avoid any time wasted asking questions. Rather, they wanted to absorb as much of the teaching as possible in those brief and precious days.

A group of RREACH friends passionate for Cuba accompanied Ramesh. "I wondered how people who had been converted on our previous short-term trips got along," one said. What he saw moved him. "Being a pastor in Cuba is like running a race barefoot on rocks," he said. "RREACH brought them Nikes and training, viable tools, so they can finish well in the only race worth running." The conference demonstrated again how the training of pastors—the multiplying of proclaimers—who then effectively follow up with converted individuals, compounds the return on



Ramesh's travels

pastors' conference openings Ramesh has experienced. When one brave pastor



ministry investment.

The 25 delegates at the first national GPA of 2014, GPA Dominican Republic, enjoyed Dr. Richard's presence and teaching for final sessions and the graduation. One pastor found himself in tears numerous times during the training. He had never seen pastors from so many denominations interacting together harmoniously.

Opportunities for the evangelism aspect of proclamation also proved fruitful. In Singapore, organizers ran into trouble pulling an evangelistic event together. They offered to cancel it, but Dr. Richard encouraged them to persevere; he would speak for as many as would come. The event did take place, and 30 individuals were exposed to the Lord Jesus Christ in an open restaurant setting.

An evangelistic event in Haiti drew 90 government, medicine, academia and business "elites." Sixty-three filled out response cards, and 21 specifically made professions of faith. Local pastors are following up.

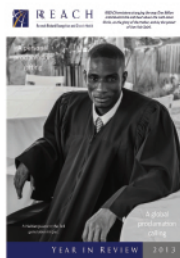
Although inquiries about holding an

evangelistic event in Cuba met unopened doors, Ramesh was not deterred. He secured a meeting with the Indian ambassador and during their conversation gently sought openings to speak of Jesus. None occurred, so at the close of the meeting, he asked if he might pray. The man agreed. Ramesh then explained the only name in which he knows to pray is that of the Lord Jesus. "Is that okay?" he asked. The man again said yes. So Dr. Richard closed their meeting by praying in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As they parted, the ambassador said, "Let's be life-long friends."

Ramesh's time in Manila brought tears and joy. The devastation of super-typhoon Haiyan altered plans to hold the 2016 Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers there, but did not quench the Philippine evangelical leaders' and Dallas GPA grads' commitment to the vision. Encouraged, Ramesh made a quick trip to Thailand in early January to explore location options. While there, he made time to gather with GPA grads, joining Pastor O's prayer

meeting (with a group of about 25 young people!) and speaking at Pastor T's church.

Dr. Richard finds our prayer and encouragement invaluable as he obeys the Lord Jesus' calling to globally employ and multiply his gift of proclamation. He also takes heart from one of the first proclaimers and multipliers of proclaimers, the apostle Paul: "We *proclaim* Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, *striving* according to *His power*, which mightily works within me" (Col. 1:28–29, emphasis added). 🙏



#### 2013 Year in Review

If you would like a copy of this report, please request it on the enclosed envelope or email [ana@reach.org](mailto:ana@reach.org).

# National GPAs



## GPA Ghana

GPA Ghana proved again the value of connecting, uniting and strengthening pastoral leaders, a signature of RREACH's GProCommission strategy. The 25 delegates who met in Accra in late 2013 represented all areas of the country, all education levels, and a range of diverse denominations.

One delegate, a M.sl.m background believer from the north, had learned to read and write, and came to Christ, through an outreach of 2013 Dallas GPA grad and GPA Ghana organizer Pastor A. The man, now a pastor, has planted several churches and was accepted as a

GPA Ghana delegate. He was so inspired by the GPA that he began translating what he was learning into his own language while there.

All of the pastors, in fact, expressed interest in training other pastors in expository preaching, and asked for books to take back to their areas.



## GPA Dominican Republic

The 25 pastors attending GPA Dominican Republic January 9–24 remarked on how relevant Dr. Richard's expository preaching method is to their preaching and ministry. Since the inception of the GPA, delegates have

regarded this core curricular element highly. (The book, *Preparing Expository Sermons: The Scripture Sculpture Method*, was one of preaching.com's top 25 preaching books of the last 25 years.) GPA DR delegates considered the expository preaching sessions a highlight of the GPA.

Playing baseball was another highlight. Team sports, often soccer, help develop GPA relationships. For the DR, the sport of choice was baseball. "I grew up next to a baseball field. I used to play every day, but I had ten years without doing it," said Pastor U. "My family was happy when I gave them the news." Organizers were pleased to note growing fellowship as the GPA progressed. They were also pleased that 21 of the 25 delegates' wives—the highest percentage of any national GPA—were able to join them for the final days. 🏆



# Global Proclamation Commission: “Arch-Innovator” at Work

Ramesh Richard's conviction holds, “I’m learning to always leave room for the Arch-Innovator and Original Entrepreneur to establish or develop or expedite or change plans.” As we enter this fourth year of our 2010–2020 GProCommission mega-project, the Arch-Innovator continues to make Himself known.

The vision to connect, unite and strengthen 100,000 pastors from 200 countries is not only extraordinary in scale and scope, the Original Entrepreneur of that vision is also developing it at a rapid pace.

The Dallas and national GPA grads apply their GPA training for biblical spirituality, theological discernment and expository preaching in their own ministries, and intentionally transfer the principles to other pastors in their spheres of influence.

“The Global Proclamation Commission is B I G,” said 2013 Dallas GPA grad Pastor L from Brazil. “Biblical, Intentional, Global.”

RREACH's plans call for 10 national GPAs in 2014; ten are currently scheduled. GPA Dominican Republic concluded in January (see p. 14). National GPA coordinator Rajiv Richard is working on the nine others, and cultivating more.

To date, 199 pastors from 72 countries have graduated from the annual Dallas GPA. Through 30 national GPAs, these graduates have multiplied GPA-specific training and networking to more than 740 pastors from 34 countries and numerous indigenous languages and people groups.

As GPA training multiplies, the Arch-Innovator has sent the mid-decade GProCongress a new location. After we spent two years planning the 2016 event for Manila, Philippines, a super-typhoon slammed the nation last

November. “Planning means I ‘prepare’ for the future, but do not ‘predict’ at all. God determines which plans see fruition,” Dr. Richard observed.

Concentrated prayer and counsel led him to encourage our Philippine strategic partners to turn their focus from holding the event in Manila to addressing the short- and long-term needs resulting from the typhoon—the strongest in recorded history to make landfall.

As Dr. Richard explores a new location, he is seeing the Arch-Innovator confirm the Congress and continue to build support among peers in spite of the sudden shift. The Lord willing, the new location will be announced by May 31, 2014. We covet your prayers for this critical decision, as well as for our Philippine brothers and sisters on the long reconstruction road. 🙏





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