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RAMESH RICHARD EVANGELISM AND CHURCH HEALTH

A GLOBAL PROCLAMATION MINISTRY

RREACH
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Milestones and Mountains

Getting to GPA South Africa was, literally, an uphill climb. Delegates trekked up the hill above their lodging several times a day to attend sessions. But it took even more effort to pull the GPA together in the first place, because Dr. Ramesh Richard was committed to participation from “all four-streams of the human spectrum.”

Christian leaders told RREACH it was impossible to hold an extended and close-quartered “four-color” event in South Africa. Individuals from the nation’s four major people streams didn’t mix in close quarters—much less for nine days in an intentionally relationship-
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BEYOND BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

It was Mrs. Roberts, my 5th grade teacher, who first piqued my interest in the Bible. Although strict and stern—her face resembled the introduction to Lamentations—she came alive in Bible class, rousing our participation by assigning Bible verses to memorize for tests and contests.

Recently, my devotional cycle brought me to Psalm 91, stirring up a dozen childhood memories. Nearly five decades ago Mrs. Roberts had our Bible class compete as we memorized that 91st psalm. Three of us made the “finals.” As we recited the psalm before our class, my classmates made only one

mistake each. She still awarded them with a Bible. It was the first, perhaps the only, Bible my Hindu friends would have. That was her evangelistic heart.

Mrs. Roberts believed in rote memory work during elementary school. Just like knowing the multiplication tables was necessary for math, Bible knowledge was essential for life. She was setting us up with *foundational* knowledge. The first order of learning: to know and to remember. I can still recite Psalm 91 fairly well.

When I went to seminary, I went beyond knowing and remembering to *analyzing* and *evaluating* the Bible.

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Why a Global Pastoral Trainers Congress?

Will a global congress for pastoral trainers make a real difference in ministry efforts? Bishop Efraim Tendero, national director of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches, spoke passionately to that question when he invited Dr. Ramesh Richard and RREACH to hold the congress in Manila. Simply speaking, healthier pastors lead to healthier churches, leading to healthier communities.

And pastoral trainers launch that leadership sequence.

A pastoral trainers' congress then is essential at this point in human history to help a healthy church participate fully in God's redemptive agenda.

Listen in on Bishop Ef's speech:

"Not long ago, I met with a leadership development group which told me that in the U.S. today, 1,500 pastors resign from the ministry every month. That is about 18,000 pastors annually.

"This was quite sobering for me.

Continuing to equip pastors to be effective in the ministry God has given every one of us must be our real cry.

"That's why when Dr. Ramesh came to discuss the possibility of having the Global Proclamation Congress here in the Philippines, I took the initiative and said, 'Let's

"Pastoral health affects church health. Church health affects societal health."

– Ramesh Richard

bring them here to Manila.'

"We know that the church is at the center of transformation. But for churches to be effective in bringing about true transformation, they need to be led by healthy, biblically-qualified pastoral leaders. If we do

not have healthy, biblically-qualified pastoral leaders, we will have dysfunctional churches.

"By bringing together pastoral trainers from all over the world to develop a common vision—a vision for how to strengthen the pastors whom God has called to lead His church through their respective churches—we can see transformation. Recognizing the church as the centerpiece of God's redemptive agenda, we can bring about the transformation that God wants all of us to have by strengthening pastoral trainers who strengthen pastoral leaders to the glory of God."

RREACH requests serious prayers for convening the 2016 Global Pastoral Trainers Congress in view of the horrific devastation of the strongest recorded storm in history. Super-Typhoon Haiyan decimated the central regions of the great land of the Philippines in early November. 7000 people have died and about 10 million people are homeless.

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Caring for Pastors' Families

RREACH's Pastor's Family Care Fund provides specific, practical, time-sensitive support for pastors in desperate need, who put others' needs before their own. Last quarter we asked you to consider giving and to pray for Pastor S and Pastor R as they worked out how we could help meet the needs of pastors in the Middle East. Because RREACH friends generated funds in excess of the original request, and those whose gifts put us over this amount graciously allowed us to designate the gifts to other Pastor's Family Care Fund needs, we were able to respond promptly when a need in Pakistan arose. We are so thankful for your support of RREACH and our strategic burden of strengthening pastoral leaders, and we wish to share with you updates from these recent efforts. All funds are handled by trusted, on-location Dallas GPA graduates. 🇵🇰



Egypt

Situation: Escalating violence toward Christians

Response: School tuition/fees paid for 98 children of 39 pastoral couples

"All the pastors thank you for your support. They were very appreciative of your initiation and asked me to thank you on their behalf. Some now know about you and RREACH."

- Pastor S

Syria

Situation: Civil/political turmoil; increasing attacks on Christians; pastors fleeing

Response: Assistance provided for 12 pastors and their families



Pakistan

Situation: Church bombing

Response: Aid sent for 143 victims

Beyond Bible Knowledge

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Seminary professors still encouraged rote learning of biblical Greek and Hebrew vocabulary. But then they taught us to study and structure the biblical text to recover the author's intended meaning.

Psalms 91:1 is enough to preoccupy me for hours.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty."

For example, the Most High One, the Almighty, is described as our shelter and shadow, viewed as our spiritual geography—dwelling place (also v. 9) and resting place. A couple of verses down (v. 4), this One of worldwide dominion and sovereign power covers us and shields us—the wing above us and the wall around us.

So first, we must *memorize*, then

analyze, but to truly learn, we must *synthesize* and *integrate* knowledge into our lives. Biblical wisdom is personally applied biblical knowledge.

These days, I have had much need of this psalm of confidence and courage. I am not surprised that God placed it in my path at this particular time of my life so I might

Level 3. personally receive what I
Level 2. diligently recover by
Level 1. remembering this psalm from my earliest days.

"I will say to the LORD, *my* refuge and *my* fortress, *my* God, in whom *I* trust" (v. 2, emphasis added).

So here are the orders of learning (what experts call a taxonomy of learning), starting with and going beyond biblical knowledge.

First, I *remember* the information contained in the psalm—the lowest rung

on the ladder of learning. "Remembrance" is often seen as a tool for spiritual growth. Remember "do this in remembrance of Me" in the Lord's Supper? I can only remember what I already know.

Next, I *recover* by analysis and evaluation what the biblical author intended. I ask questions like, "What is really promised in this psalm? Is my interpretation sustained by the rest of Scripture?" For example, does God's promise of security in Psalm 91 extend my earthly life? No. Does it absolutely guarantee physical security? No. Further, longevity and safety do not have to be claimed in only physical ways. The Lord Jesus did not live a long or safe life. He is the only One who could have legitimately, directly and *fully* claimed this psalm. Satan tempted Him to do just that (Matthew 4:6) using this very psalm. But our Lord refused to test God. Neither shall we. We shall simply trust Him.

Finally, I **receive** into my life whatever the biblical text proposes—the final rung of effective learning. Will I live with confidence? Will I find my dwelling place in the Almighty, hiding and resting in Him? Can I serve with courage, trusting the Most High One for safety during hostility, stability in volatility, security in turmoil? In Jesus I possess *eternal*, not temporary, life. Longevity and safety are now and forever.

A long-standing practice in our family is reading Psalm 91 at each child's birthday. My father would substitute our names for every third person pronoun in verses 14–16 so we could personally receive what God Himself said to the psalmist. This is how my father would read it to me:

“Because Ramesh has loved Me,
therefore I will deliver Ramesh;
I will set Ramesh *securely* on high,
because Ramesh has known My

name.

Ramesh will call upon Me, and I will
answer Ramesh;

I will be with Ramesh in trouble;

I will rescue Ramesh, and honor
Ramesh.

With a long life I will satisfy Ramesh,
And let Ramesh behold My salva-
tion.”

Order of Learning

1. Remember
2. Recover
3. Receive

Wow! I need that kind of divine assurance as I head into large and complex projects. That personal reception beyond biblical knowledge provides for spiritual courage, astute decision-making, emotional stability and fortitude.

Just this week I told friends in the Philippines that I am not sure of the known-knowns of my life, let alone the known-unknowns, and never mind the unknown-unknowns! However, I will remember my early memory work. I will recover what the author intends. I will personally receive the psalm's assurance into the future.

I also recommend this biblical study method for your comfort, confidence and courage in the New Year. Maybe start 2014 by memorizing Psalm 91 or putting your name into verses 14-16.

The photos of my parents and Mrs. Roberts now hang on my wall of seven mentors. They never stopped reading and studying the Bible. And they went beyond knowing the Bible to living it under God. 🙏

{ JANUARY 2014 }

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5
Unity among RREACH staff and protections against spiritual attack.

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

7
Potential friends to be introduced to RREACH.

8
God to be glorified in all that RREACH does.

9
GPA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 1/9-1/18. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to 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 Global Pastoral Trainers Congress.

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

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

14
Dr. Richard to have travel mercies and divine appointments as he travels to Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

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

16
The RREACH board to have wisdom and direction for the ministry as they meet.

17
RREACH to have efficiency and wisdom in raising and spending resources.

18
Protection for pastors' health, families and ministries as GPA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC comes to a close.

19
The Lord to use Ramesh as he speaks at an evangelistic event in Cuba.

20
Pastors who are attending the pastors conference in Cuba to be encouraged and strengthened.

21
God's presence to be felt by Ramesh and each of the staff in discernible and energizing ways.

22
The lost to know Jesus through our LifeRocks Facebook page.

23
Qualified candidates to be nominated for the 2014 Dallas GPA.

24
God to use the RREACH staff to efficiently accomplish ministry strategies.

25
Comprehensive resources: spiritual, intellectual, financial and human, to be amply provided in God's "just in time" ways.

26
The supporters of RREACH to be blessed by their faithful support of Dr. Richard and the ministry.

27
Ryan; Robby and his wife, Nathalie, and their children, Joshua and Emma; and Sitara - that the Lord will guide their steps.

28
Dr. Richard to be well rested as he communicates God's Word at Dallas Seminary Chapel.

29
LifeRocks Facebook posts to generate deep reflection and conversation with our media outreach team.

30
Efficient and effective communication with Dallas GPA graduates planning future national GPAs.

31
God to continue to empower the ministry of the RREACH staff.

GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

{ FEBRUARY 2014 }

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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 mary@rreach.org and let us lift you up!



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

8
Praise God for the people and resources He is raising up to provide for the Global Pastoral Trainers Congress.

9
Physical, mental and spiritual refreshment for Ramesh and the RREACH staff.

10
RREACH to be used to reach into large numbers of desperate souls around our world with lasting solutions.

11
The Lord to help us reach our goal of raising \$225,000 by June 29 for the 2014 Dallas GPA.

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
The right personnel to round out the RREACH ministry.

17
Dr. Richard to have travel mercies and divine appointments as he travels to India.

18
Bonnie as Ramesh travels.

19
God to use Dr. Richard's teaching at the North India Institute of Theological Studies to impact those attending.

20
Ramesh and RREACH as, by Only God, we climb this ministry mountain.

21
Potential friends to be introduced to RREACH.

22
Our 2014 Media Outreach campaign to reach thousands this year.

23
Wisdom, direction and funding for the Global Proclamation Commission.

24
All equipment and computers to work correctly at the RREACH office.

25
God to use Ramesh's teaching at Bihar Christian Church.

26
Ramesh as he speaks at an evangelistic event in Patna, INDIA, and for soft hearts to respond.

27
Dr. Richard to be well-rested as he communicates God's word at the SALT Conference in Bangalore, INDIA, today through March 2.

28
The love of God to be felt by those who come in contact with RREACH events and ministries.

GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

{ MARCH 2014 }

Sunday

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All projects to be fully funded according to God's will and make great impact worldwide.

9

God to protect Dr. Richard's health and physical resources.

16

God to use Dr. Richard's preaching at Grace Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

23

Praise the Lord for faithful supporters.

30

Protection against spiritual attacks and staff unity.



3

Dr. Richard and the 2014 media outreach monthly messages.

10

Many to join us for a prayer event planned for this month.

17

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

24

The Lord to expand RREACH's programs and projects.



4

Follow-up with GPA graduates to be effective and encouraging.

11

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

18

God to bless the board and staff of RREACH as they faithfully serve.

25

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



5

New access and opportunity to spread the Lord's message rapidly everywhere.

12

Wisdom in utilizing social media for evangelism.

19

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

26

Wisdom, gratitude and humble confidence to make the right connections for the Global Pastoral Trainers Congress.

GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

6

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

13

Area churches to partner with us for the upcoming GPA.

20

GPA TRINIDAD, 3/20-3/29. Pray for the pastors to be strengthened and connected to one another.

27

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

Pray Daily for...

7

RREACH to change the way One Billion Individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ.

14

Dr. Richard's keynote and breakout session talks to transform Ignite Youth Leadership Conference attendees in Iowa.

21

The Lord to help us reach our goal of raising \$31.5m by 2020.

28

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

1

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

8

The funding for future pastors conferences to come together.

15

Ramesh's words to be used by God as he speaks at an evangelistic event tomorrow.

22

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

29

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

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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Three-Heart Harmony

God and Your Marriage



*"The Creator's heart can weave your heart and your
spouse's heart in harmony, joy and blessing."*

Dr. Ramesh Richard

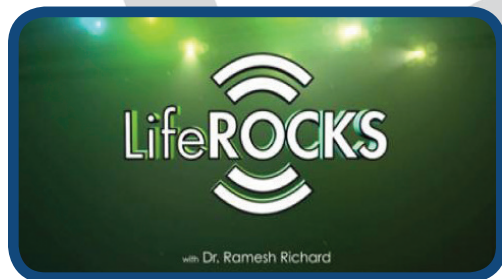
RRESOURCE

Three-Heart Harmony: God and Your Marriage

This DVD set helps husbands and wives—and those intending to become husbands and wives—see how “the Creator’s heart can weave your heart and your spouse’s heart in harmony, joy and blessing.” To learn more or place an order, email Bob@rreach.org, or call the RREACH office at 1-800-RREACH-World (or 972-528-6100).

Media Outreach

LifeSaveYour: Who Can Save Your Life Today?



Who: English-speaking, Internet-savvy, pre-Christian individuals

What: “LifeSaveYour,” Dr. Ramesh Richard’s annual pre-evangelistic initiative

When: New Year’s Day, January 1, 2014; a new three-minute video is introduced each month throughout the year and is

supplemented by weekly podcasts and daily thoughts

Where: Anywhere the Internet reaches, especially focusing on normally unreachable areas in Africa, Asia and the Middle East

Why: To sow the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ among large numbers of pre-Christians, especially current and future leaders of families, communities and nations

Watch for updates on Facebook/LifeRocks and on LifeRocks.org, and please pray for this strategic outreach to meaningfully engage pre-Christians with the Gospel. 🙏

Partnership Opportunities

RREACH praises God for His continued provision through wonderful people. We are also grateful for recent evaluations by several leading charity analysts. As you pray and consider where to invest your Kingdom resources, you may wish to look at ECFA, Charity Navigator or GuideStar for external perspectives on how we conduct ministry. For instance, we have been given the highest rating by Charity Navigator two years in a row.

To partner financially with Dr. Richard and RREACH, please consider the following needs:

- General ministry: \$915,000
- Global Proclamation Commission: \$150,000
 - 2014 Dallas GPA: \$225,000
 - GPTCongress: \$300,000
- Dr. Richard’s Personal Proclamation
 - On-site: \$59,000
 - Media Outreach: \$140,000
 - Pastors Conferences: \$100,000
 - Product development/distribution: \$80,000

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- Pastor's Family Care Fund: \$60,000

Multiple giving methods are available.

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

If you wish your donation to be credited for 2013, please send ground mail post-marked no later than 12/31 or complete your online or other transaction prior to midnight, 12/31.



Ramesh Richard's Itinerary and RREACH Events

JANUARY

- 9-11 Global Pastoral Trainers Congress meetings—Manila, Philippines
- 16-18 GPA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC* & RREACH Board Meetings
- 19-23 Special Events—Undisclosed Havana, CUBA
- 28 Dallas Theological Seminary Chapel—Dallas, TX

FEBRUARY

- 18-21 North India Institute of Theological Studies—Chandigarh, INDIA
- 25-26 Bihar Christian Church—Bihar, INDIA
- 26 Evangelistic Event—Patna, INDIA
- 27-28 SALT Conference—Bangalore, INDIA

MARCH

- 1-2 SALT Conference—Bangalore, INDIA
- 11 RREACH Prayer Event—Dallas, TX
- 14-17 Ignite Youth Leadership Conference—Des Moines, IA
- 16 Grace Church—Des Moines, IA
- 16 Evangelistic Event—Des Moines, IA
- 20-29 GPA TRINIDAD and TOBAGO

*Dr. Richard attending

Ramesh's role at Dallas Seminary is temporarily restructured in view of increasing demands of the 2016 Global Pastoral Trainers Congress. 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, 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

"I must proclaim and multiply proclaimers," says Dr. Ramesh Richard, to carry out "my gifting and calling for the glory of the Lord Christ." Our Lord's approaching return gives him a profound sense of urgency. Over the past months, Ramesh made the most of opportunities to sow God's Word and grow God's messengers.

GPA Costa Rica

In September he taught at the Global Proclamation Academy (GPA) in Costa Rica, which several pastors called a “life-changing experience.” He also delivered a pre-evangelistic message to an audience of 511. Nearly 50 individuals made decisions for Christ. Finally, he preached at a Dallas GPA graduate’s church.

Global Alliance of Church Movements

A brief trip to Orlando allowed Ramesh

to see immediate fruit. After speaking at a local church, he was approached by a man who wept as he talked of troubles with his adult son. That morning his wife had received a text from their son saying he was going to church. So the father

sage helped him and his wife to
re-embrace the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ramesh then spoke on the necessity of pastoral training to preserve the efforts of the Global Alliance for Church Movements, which plans to plant 5 million churches by 2020. Current studies show a significant percentage (up to 70 percent) of church plants will not survive one year without properly equipped pastors.

Southern Africa

In a quick turnaround, Dr. Richard then left for a twelve-day trip to Africa, where he spoke at GPA South Africa and GPA Zambia. While in Zambia, the Lord providentially arranged two meetings—one with a former Zambian ambassador who trusted Christ as a result of their encounter, and another with an executive of a major bank company who heard Ramesh and invited him over for dinner



Ramesh's 2013 fourth quarter travels

decided to go, too, “just happening” to find the church where Dr. Richard’s mes-

soft drink company who heard Ramesh speak and invited him over for dinner

the next day. Dr. Richard helped the man's chauffeur welcome the Lord Jesus Christ. We are praying for further fruit!

Ramesh was also asked to give lengthy television and radio interviews on Zambia's Independence Day. Such opportunities often unfold so quickly that RREACH recently set up an Instagram account to share these on-the-ground updates. For information on how to receive them, see below.

USA

After this whirlwind trip, Ramesh had little time to rest before a trip to Savannah, Georgia. The Lord gave him energy to deliver three messages in a growing, area church started by one of his former DTS students. This pastor trains all his teaching associates with Dr. Richard's Scripture Sculpture method.

South East Asia

At the time of this writing, Dr. Richard is in Singapore, teaching pastors at the Singapore Baptist Convention. Although upcoming strategic Global Pastoral Trainers' Congress meetings in Manila have

been postponed in the wake of Super-Typhoon Haiyan, he still intends to visit the Philippines. RREACH has received reports of GPA Philippines graduates who have been directly affected. Please continue to pray for the country and for the pastors tirelessly working to meet victims' physical and spiritual needs. We also request your prayer for ongoing, critical GPTCongress preparation. 🙏

Instagram Us!



As Dr. Richard travels, he sends the staff updates so we can pray and rejoice with him. Sometimes he includes photos. While in Zambia he sent the above photo of a longtime RREACH friend praying over his radio interview. If you would like to receive these real-time updates, look for our posts on Instagram, username: [rreach_](#). You can also see updates on Facebook; visit the RREACH page (Ramesh Richard Evangelism and Church Health) and "like" us, or click to receive regular notifications. We hope you'll enjoy these captured ministry moments and share them with your friends!



Captain Jeremy Knight praying for Ramesh before a radio interview in Zambia

National GPAs

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building experience like GPA. And we all know from experience that heart change is much harder than legal or social change.

In 2012, everything looked like it was coming together for GPA South Africa. Everything except for this “impossible” criterion. Organizers found enough pastors qualified and committed to attend, but not from all four people groups. So Dr. Richard advised that the event be postponed.

By God’s providence, after much more prayer and effort, RREACH crossed the impossible milestone of a four-color GPA South Africa in October 2013. Twenty pastors from the country’s four color streams were intentionally brought together for peer relationship-building and improved ministry. Organizers reported the pastors connected deeply.



GPA South Africa graduates

“I have met new friends to walk with me in my life as a pastor, and also I have been taught how to become a better preacher of our Lord Jesus Christ,” said Pastor V. “I hope we can meet again next year for ten days.” Further plans are being developed for similar events uniting pastors from *all* backgrounds.

GPA Costa Rica

GPA Costa Rica opened with a plunge. All 25 delegates—including three unable to swim and one who is physically challenged—went on a whitewater-rafting trip. They bulleted and bounced through



GPA Costa Rica graduates

a hands-on lesson in connecting, uniting and strengthening (only one fell into the water!) to set the GPA off to an excellent start.

Delegates responded in an overwhelmingly positive way to the preaching training, a signature of Global Proclamation Academies. Some said they couldn’t wait to get back to their churches to apply the *Scripture Sculpture* method. They were also impressed by how the GPA facilitated the development of significant long-term relationships, especially across denominational categories. The pastors have financially committed to a reunion.

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GPA Zambia graduates

“It really encouraged me to keep going and to know more pastors that are with me, running and fighting the good battle,” one expressed.


GPA Zambia

Stepping up after one organizer’s ethical failure, national GPA coordinator Rajiv Richard and other Dallas GPA grads successfully completed GPA Zambia, graduating 24.

Pastor R (GPA 2012) flew up from


Our strategic partner, the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches has rightly made a decision to turn its focus toward recovery and rehabilitation efforts for larger numbers of people. The next three to five years will consume their human and financial resources.

Will you pray for RREACH as we help pastors, including GPA Philippines pastors, who have lost all material belongings under our Pastor’s Family Care Fund?

More importantly, Dr. Ramesh Richard seeks God’s wisdom for every aspect of this historic event—location, venue, staffing and structure—by February 2014. With just over 800 days left, we are also considering the larger issues—mobilization of participants, funding, programming and follow-up. The Global Pastoral Trainers Congress accelerates church health worldwide so that the decade-long Global Proclamation Commission will deliver spiritual health worldwide. Pray for us. 

South Africa at a moment’s notice to teach expository preaching. He reported, “In Zambia we had a great time with the pastors. They were very eager to learn and they asked more questions, and from their work you could tell they had great interest to know how to do *Scripture Sculpture*. I’m happy to say they did their steps well.

“Among comments that touched me so much was one by a man called Banda. I

saw in him myself when I came to GPA Dallas. He said he had never been to a Bible school and now he has been equipped to be a good preacher of the Word.” 



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