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Ramesh Richard spoke at one of the fastest-growing churches in the world during a recent South Asia trip. He spoke in two of five services, which average 20,000 to 25,000 attendees each.



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*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.*

Power Points from Pain Points



The number one request I receive after classes is simply: “Can we have your PowerPoint?” You know PowerPoint presentations have become ubiquitous for communicators. To visually oriented audiences, PowerPoint slides help move a presentation forward, aid comprehension and enhance memory of major points.

Traveling to remote places as I do, PowerPoint presentations can become points of pain. Once, my international hosts assured me before an event that they had PowerPoint. When I reached the classroom, they pointed me to the electrical power outlet on the wall!

Life’s problems, whether real or perceived, often linger and cause true discomfort. Entrepreneurs call these problems “pain points”—and see them as opportunities. The Bible too sees a pain point as an opportunity to manifest its power.

The Power of Pain

A recent surprise gift of physical pain has made for an intense three weeks that I am not fully past even as I write these thoughts. Before speaking two weeks ago, this gift of great physical discomfort forced me to slip into the restroom for a moment of privacy to rehearse these biblical convictions in my loudest whisper: “Your power is made perfect in my weakness; Your power will be revealed in my weakness; Your grace will be sufficient for the assignment.” God gave me grace just enough to address a small group of 32 influential opinion leaders, 31 of whom were unbelievers.

We can let our pain points remain problems, or we can allow them to become points of power—power points that present God’s strength and presence better than their audiovisual cousins. And they don’t need electrical networks or special projectors.

However, this kind of power point may take even more understanding than presentation tools. Rather than us being trained to use PowerPoint, these power points train us. The Book of Hebrews notes, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it” (12:1, NIV).

Trained by powerful pain, we can be productive for God in teaching others the lessons we have learned from experiencing pain.

A PowerPoint Outline

If we want pain to be more than a stubborn, lingering problem, we must allow it to point us to God and His Word. Let me share a PowerPoint *teaching* outline on what I am *learning* about the potential power of pain. As you go through these bullets, will you fill out appropriate Scripture, theology and personal experiences as part of your year-end devotional reflection?

In this way, we can prepare to harness any pain points we will experience in the upcoming New Year and harvest them, for righteousness and peace, into power points. First to learn, and then to teach.

#1: Pain connects

- me to my human limitations as frail, mortal and impermanent
- me to my fellow sufferers with understanding and compassion
- me to God in expectant prayer for healing and intervention
- me to certain Scriptures and biographies in a more alert manner

#2: Pain cleanses

- me from dependence on idols
- me from all kinds of pride
- me from known sins through confession

#3: Pain corrects

- my attitudes—like ingratitude, discontent, fear, resignation
- my values—have I unintentionally accepted worldly values?
- my behavior—pinpoints my rationalizations
- by misperceptions—including wrong theology
- my anxieties—will I trust the God who loves me?

#4: Pain clarifies

- my beliefs—on what truths am I concentrating?
- my activities—am I engaged in the right mix?
- my priorities—what if pain should linger?
- my motives—am I stealing God's glory in any way?
- my adjustments—how do I adjust to loss?

#5: Pain confirms

- God's providence in timing and intensity
- the Father's goodness
- Christ's presence
- the Holy Spirit's power for resolve and triumph
- God's inner supply of grace, joy, peace and hope

Pain teaches and trains me to know God—its greatest spiritual advantage towards my deepest spiritual ministry.

A Pain Point Lesson

I wrote this devotional out of a pain experience. My pain, however, was nothing compared to what I heard out of Syria four weeks ago. RREACH hosted a historic first: a convening of pastors from all evangelical denominations who remain in that brutalized land. About 35 of them (more than half of Syria's pastors) arrived with their wives and younger kids for a few nights of rest and refreshment.

You must realize that none of these families have to stay in Syria. "Those who have the calling prefer to stay and pay the cost," said our coordinator. They are convinced that God has called them to stay and serve their land and, especially, believers around them. Even the children are willing to be martyrs along with their parents.

Their pain points are incredibly horrific with no real end in sight. I met a pastor cardiologist—the "Syrian Nehemiah," a pastor with a PhD in civil law, and a pastor who was a professional pianist. The latter had lost everything—including his piano when a rocket landed in his home. He and his wife ran from war-devastated Homs to a more peaceful, but entirely new, situation in Latakia. As persecuted Christians, they will never have permanent jobs, so she makes bracelets and sells them for a bit of income.

And yet, with a brightness of spirit exhibited in her face, she asserted, "But we know God is good every time, all the time."

I pushed her a bit, partially because of my disbelief at her inner strength. Was she simply repeating a slogan? I said, "You have lost everything. So how do you know that God is good all the time?"

She remarked with a poise that was powerful: "Yes, but we have peace in our hearts. And Jesus put people in our way both to help us and for us to help them. We get to help those who have the same experiences of pain as we have. I just know that Jesus is with me."

Wow! We not only have our hope placed in a painless future, we have a God whose incarnation into human pain makes His presence unique and credible.

In our environment, where "no pain, no gain" is a life-value, pain points are inevitable reminders of our earthliness. One of the ways God prevents us from confusing earth for heaven is through pain. We shall never seek pain, even for its benefits, but we shall be powerfully trained by Pain Points.

Pain is more than a disciplinarian for a teacher; it is a trainer, producing a harvest for those trained by it. Though pain is unpleasant for the moment, the unpleasant power of pain is defeated when the productive power of pain is harvested. So there you have it: my personal PowerPoint presentation. 📄



Vagabondslave: Personal Proclamation

The early Church father Jerome kept a human skull on hand to remind himself of the urgency to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ. Dr. Richard has his own tombstone. It sits in his RREACH office, displaying his birth year and calling:

“A Spokesman for the Sovereign Savior Worldwide.”

This “Spokesman” is making the most of every moment he has to proclaim.

He talked about putting the “C” back in Young Men’s Christian Association at the annual breakfast of a highly-regarded local YMCA. “I can’t thank you enough for hitting the bullseye in your message, as was intended by our volunteer leadership,” the director wrote.

In a keynote address at a gathering for the 100th anniversary of Missio Nexus, he addressed 775 leaders of more than 300 mission organizations and churches worldwide about their first foundation: evangelism. He encouraged all there to consider whether they were doing evangelism merely by proxy rather than firsthand. “I sensed, and comments confirmed, that God once again used me,” he said.

Three engagements in South Asia offered Dr. Richard further latitude to exercise his range of gifts. He spoke at a conference and provided counsel to the leadership of a media ministry in one of the world's most populous countries. One attendee said:

My name is G. I am from a Sikh background, whom the Lord Jesus saved from amidst the fire, when I, along with my wife and child, was about to commit suicide due to terrible financial setbacks and breakdowns in life. Later in life, the Lord called me to full-time ministry while I was doing a successful business of industrial chemicals and lubricants.

Today's message reenergized me, and I wanted to thank you for encouraging us.

In the world's fastest-growing cities (in the past 20 years), Ramesh gave the message at two of five Sunday services that average 22,000 attendees each—18,000 in chairs with up to another 7,000 sitting on the ground. People begin arriving Saturday evening for the 5:45 Sunday morning service.

The church also hosted a youth festival for 20,000. When Dr. Richard spoke, about half the audience appeared to respond to his invitation.

Thinking they hadn't understood, he halted proceedings and recast the invitation. This time even more responded! The pastor, who has had no formal training, is keeping in touch with Dr. Richard.

His final engagement was smaller in number but larger in potential influence. He trained 50 professors of preaching at a conference held in conjunction with the RREACH Chair of Biblical Preaching and Pastoral Ministries at one of the finest seminaries in the region. Attendees are asking for more training.

Ramesh barely had time to recover from that trip before he headed back across the Atlantic to the Middle East. We had long pursued a retreat for pastors serving amid the worst humanitarian disaster since World War II. Not only has their country's population eroded by about one-fifth, approximately half of those still considered citizens have been internally or externally displaced. God allowed RREACH to bring 35 pastors, their wives and some children into a neighboring country for three days of refreshment.

Sister F wrote,

"The conference was a literal translation and practical application of Psalm 133. ... I was very encouraged by the calmness, quietness and serenity ... I really needed it without knowing; I'm in a war zone."

Some have already held a follow-up prayer meeting and plan to meet again in early 2018.

Another precious experience on that trip—Ramesh’s two-hour dialogue about the meaning of life with 16 bright university students. Toward the end of the session, one student openly asked him what gives his life meaning. With gratitude and joy he introduced the Lord Jesus Christ to them, inviting them to engage further through LifeRocks,

RREACH's media outreach platform.

RREACH's board of directors has addressed restructuring RREACH so Dr. Richard can give greater focus and time to this personal proclamation side of his ministry, making the most of being a Spokesman for the Sovereign Savior Worldwide. Look for more about this next quarter! 🇺🇸



Ramesh's 2017 fourth-quarter travels



The independent charity evaluator Charity Navigator has updated RREACH's rating to 100 (see <https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=7324>). Less than one percent of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator have earned perfect scores (see <https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=content.view&cpid=2203>). We are humbly grateful for this wonderful surprise and thank the Lord Jesus, our beneficiaries, donors, staff, board, families, partners and all.



RREACH is also a long-standing member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) and has a Platinum status with Guidestar, another charity evaluator.

After only two weeks, students at Western seminaries will have more biblical knowledge & training than 90% of pastors in the world. Share. Give. Pray.



RREACH posted encouraging stories of ministry impact on our social media channels during November. If you missed them, visit www.rreach.org/givingtuesday to see highlights about Ramesh on the Road, Pastor Frontlines, Did You

Know?, RREACH Partner Spotlight and Delivering Spiritual Health Worldwide.

RREACH joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and celebrate generosity worldwide in order to help us reach our goal in funding national pastor training worldwide.

Pastoral Training: Biblical Proclamation

GProCommission for Trainers of Pastors

The Church around the world faces a massive and critical deficit of trained pastors. The immense work of various organizations, institutions, churches and individuals to biblically train them testifies to the great need. One of the GProCommission's strategic goals is to capture the number of pastors being trained.

The data we collect is for statistical purposes and would serve as a database for all who would want to know how many pastoral leaders have been trained, how many are being trained, and who is training them. We also pray it will serve as an encouragement to all those on the frontlines of the work.

To date in 2017, we have collected reports of 279,871 pastors strengthened in pastoral ministry. Training was reported from 53 different countries, the most recent from Bhutan and Kyrgyzstan. Our GProCentral team is, as its name indicates, essential in the efforts to help pastoral trainers and leaders reach their ministry goals, providing connection to a global pastoral training network and to pastoral training resources and curriculum.

GProCentral has launched coordinated pastoral training initiatives with national leadership in Panama, Cambodia and Costa Rica. Expanding in Latin American countries is a priority, and we're excited to see the momentum grow, thanks to the tireless work of national leaders and GProCentral associates.

GProCentral has also reached out to more than 3,000 pastoral trainers and leaders. While we haven't yet connected with all of them, we are persevering in order to let them know they are valued servants and to link them to other pastoral trainers and training materials.

The Lord willing, **GProLearning.org** will go live early 2018 with more than 4,600 carefully curated curricular pastoral training resources. Gathered from around the world, the resources are available in a variety of mediums and, currently, six different languages. Praise God for these achievements and please pray for His guidance, empowerment and encouragement as the team and the work advance! 🙏

279,871 undertrained pastors strengthened in 2017

30 Years of God's Faithfulness

1987

- Ramesh returns to Dallas Theological Seminary, teaching in three departments. Six businessmen join him to form RREACH.

1991

- More than 100,000 people are addressed at the Maramon Convention in south India. This is the largest annual gathering of Christians worldwide.



1992

- Twenty-five prominent businessmen trust Christ at a private Singapore evangelistic banquet, one of RREACH's early "opinion leader" events.

1995

- Ramesh's how-to book on expository preaching, "Scripture Sculpture," was published.
- RREACH's first radio broadcast airs across Asia and Africa.



2000

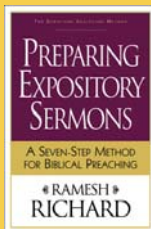
- RREACH airs its first annual international New Year's Day evangelistic telecast on primetime secular television. The Gospel is seen and heard in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East on Y2K.



2005

- RREACH hosts its first annual Global Proclamation Academy (GPA) on the campus of Dallas Theological Seminary to connect, unite, and strengthen leading young pastors of the world.





2008

- The annual New Year's Day evangelistic message is shifted from television to the internet, a move that exposes even larger numbers of pre-Christian individuals to the Gospel.

2009

- *Preparing Expository Sermons* is named among the 25 most influential preaching books of the last 25 years by *Preaching* magazine.

2010

- RREACH hosts a strategic reunion for 99 Dallas GPA graduates and 63 of their wives from 53 countries in Dallas to launch the 10-year Global Proclamation Commission (2010-2020).

2011

- RREACH launches national Global Proclamation Academies. These 10-day versions of the Dallas GPA take place in countries around the world.

2016

- RREACH convenes the historic Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers in Bangkok, Thailand. 2,573 pastoral trainers from formal and non-formal training initiatives in 101 countries attended.

2017

- RREACH media outreach Facebook page, LifeRocks, receives over 1,000,000 likes.
- RREACH celebrates 30 years of ministry.



by Dr. Ramesh Richard



Pastoral Training: Global Proclamation

National Global Proclamation Academies



GPA Niger

Disunity and mistrust plague relationships among Christian denominations and ministries in Niger, where believers make up less than one percent of the population. GPA Niger was the first training in the country to intentionally include young pastors from different denominations. Although many who registered did not show up because of the general climate of distrust, those who did had profound encounters with God and each other. Even the Master Coaches were affected.

One delegate almost decided to quit the ministry after realizing he had been preaching what came to his mind rather than what God said. Several experienced deep personal healing. Graduates have committed to putting their training into practice, taking it to others and deepening their relationships.



GPA Niger pastors learning how to preach from God's Word



GPA Mongolia



GPA Mongolia attendees enjoying a sports day

The Church in Mongolia is less than 30 years old—about the same age as many of the pastors who attended RREACH's GPA training there in September. Organizers wanted delegates to clearly understand their main responsibility to the fledgling body of Faith: to feed God's people with God's Word, with faithfulness and integrity. At the end of the GPA, each pastor's testimony reflected that he got the message.

Their special outing was a sports day, complete with a professional coach and basketball and soccer tournaments. They also enjoyed authentic Mongolian barbecue! Sixteen wives were able to join them at the end of the GPA.



GPA Cuba 2

Serious lack of homiletic knowledge and ability to preach was again evident in the pastors attending the second national GPA in Cuba, one organizer noted. But the training is making a difference, as emphasized by one of the 29 graduates: "This NGPA provoked an impact like an atomic bomb; it had the same effect in erasing my ideas and the way I was preaching before—I mean it removed from my mind preaching what I want to say and not what the text is saying. From now, I want the text to talk for me and to finish the covenant that I made, not with this academy, nor with the facilitators, nor even with Dr. Ramesh Richard; this pact is from my heart with God, and I will not preach otherwise than the expositive way."



Training that is making a difference in Cuba



GPA Mexico 2



GPA Mexico brothers building lifetime relationships

Graduates of the second GPA held in Mexico are practicing what they preach. Literally. Enthused by the “Scripture Sculpture” preaching method, they are sharing sermons with GPA organizers and each other to get feedback and correction. “Ramesh Richard’s method is very helpful,” one said. “At the beginning, I didn’t know what I was going to preach, but after a few hours of hard work and studying the text (Step One), the Scripture touched my heart and I’m very excited to hear the voice of God in the next steps.”

Two attendees are raising funds to hold another national GPA, and the group has already picked the location for a reunion next year.



GPA Philippines (Pastors’ Wives and Women)

A “powerhouse” of 28 young pastors’ wives and women in ministry met in the Philippines for the first women’s national GPA (WGPA) in November. They represented eight different countries (including the two most populous), every major region of the world and every level of biblical education. They are eager to train other women in what they learned.

One woman, a Dallas GPA graduate’s wife, international speaker and GProCongress co-emcee, declared the WGPA a “landmark” event of her life. Another bright and seemingly happy young woman persuaded to come revealed the WGPA was to be her final gift to herself. She had scheduled the date to take her life shortly afterward. Now she lives with fresh hope and an expanded family journeying with her in faith. RREACH was overjoyed to initiate this pilot women’s GPA, especially to help meet the needs of pastors’ wives. These women serve tirelessly alongside their husbands (often raising a family at the same time), and we wanted to equip them in the same ways. Pray with us for God’s direction in organizing more WGPAs! 🙏




WGPA Philippines—the first women’s training event held by RREACH



This year RREACH held 17 national pastor trainings in the countries marked with blue flags. The Lord willing, in 2018 we will hold national trainings in the countries marked with yellow flags—including two restricted countries—and possibly in another 26 prospective countries.



JANUARY 2018

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 Good communication as the GProCommission team collaborates from multiple international locations	3 The right 25 delegates, especially from unrepresented countries, for the 2018 Dallas GPA	4 GPA DR Congo East 1/4-13: Pray that all 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	5 Spiritual awareness to be raised through the use of LifeRocks Facebook posts	6 Provision and perseverance in coordinating national GPAs in 40+ countries/regions in 2018
7 Pastoral trainers who attended the GProCongress to be re-encouraged and strengthened for the work	8 Fresh energy and faith for RREACH ministry in 2018	9 Implementation of strategies to expand Dr. Richard's personal proclamation	10 A good beginning to the semester as Dr. Richard returns to the DTS classroom	11 Our Media Outreach videos and social media posts to introduce many to the Lord Jesus Christ	12 Praise for financial provision for RREACH's 2017 ministry	13 Passion, clear vision, enduring connections and protection for graduates as GPA DR Congo East closes
14 GProLearning, the GProCommission library of curricular resources, to grow and be useful for pastoral trainers of all kinds everywhere	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Dr. Richard's transition back to serving on campus at DTS this semester	17 God's Word to bear fruit in those who have attended pre-evangelistic events	18 Perseverance for Dallas and national GPA grads as many face ministry opposition	19 A spirit of joy and unity among RREACH staff	20 More opportunities for Dr. Richard to reach out to opinion leaders
21 The Lord to raise up new supporters	22 Innovative strategies to spread the Gospel through Media Outreach	23 Pastoral trainers to see God work mightily as they carry out plans for more and better pastoral training	24 Individuals to respond positively to this month's Media Outreach messages	25 Guidance as Dr. Richard considers future personal proclamation opportunities	26 Health, safety and productivity as Dr. Richard travels to South Asia	27 Direction, inspiration and time for Dr. Richard to study, write and prepare messages
28 The Lord to speak through Dr. Richard in South Asia	29 RREACH staff to serve with excellence and joy	30 Pre-evangelistic events to effectively draw opinion leaders to consider the Gospel	31 All projects to be fully funded according to God's will and make great impact worldwide	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission=Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Trainers	DTS=Dallas Theological Seminary


FEBRUARY 2018

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission=Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Trainers	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 Straightforward visa application and approval process for each 2018 Dallas GPA delegate	3 25 national GPAs to be held in 2018 and the funding for them
4 RREACH's ministry to change the way One Billion Individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ	5 Praise and thanks for faithful RREACH friends	6 Media Outreach initiatives to reach people in otherwise unreachable areas	7 Pastoral trainers to be connected and strengthened through the GProCommission and GProConneXt.com	8 Ways to distribute Dr. Richard's books/talks/resources so many more can benefit	9 Visa approval for the right 25 2018 Dallas GPA candidates	10 Time and creativity for Dr. Richard to study and write new material
11 Timely funding for all RREACH ministry initiatives	12 Protection of and provision for the team organizing national GPAs	13 Abundant fruit from Dr. Richard's personal proclamation engagements	14 Dr. Richard's Media Outreach messages to open many hearts and minds to the Lord Jesus Christ	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 The right 25 pastors to attend each national GPA	17 A spirit of love, unity and enthusiasm among the RREACH staff
18 Clear guidance and provision as Dr. Richard considers invitations for personal proclamation	19 Media Outreach strategies to effectively engage pre-Christians	20 Quiet time and creativity for Dr. Richard to prepare messages	21 Many pastoral trainers to participate in and benefit from GProConneXt.com	22 RREACH to have efficiency and wisdom in raising and spending resources	23 Dr. Richard's speaking at a Spanish pastors conference	24 Health and safety for Dr. Richard and his family
25 The Lord to bless the board and staff of RREACH as they faithfully serve	26 RREACH to change the way One Billion Individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ	27 Blessing as Dr. Richard addresses a national GProCongress organized by pastoral trainers in Indonesia	28 God's distinct direction as Master Coaches prepare to speak at the 2018 Dallas GPA	The RREACH staff prays daily for all types of needs. It would be a blessing to pray for you. Yes, YOU! Please send your requests to mary@rreach.org and let us pray for you!		

MARCH 2018

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	DTS=Dallas Theological Seminary	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission= Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Trainers	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 Blessings as Dr. Richard speaks in Dallas Seminary chapel and meets with friends	3 Pre-evangelistic event attendees, past and future, to grow toward God
4 Provision of human and financial resources for 38 national GPAs in 2018	5 Wide and deep exposure to the Gospel through Media Outreach initiatives	6 Finding the best airfares for Dallas GPA delegates, who are responsible for one-half of that cost	7 All projects to be fully funded according to God's will and make great impact worldwide	8 God to use the RREACH staff to efficiently accomplish ministry strategies	9 Many to come to the Lord through RREACH	10 Understanding and unity as formal and non-formal pastoral training leaders consider how to best collaborate
11 Guidance as Dr. Richard considers future ministry opportunities	12 Details to come together for upcoming national GPAs	13 Financial support for Dr. Richard to use his personal proclamation gifting in his global proclamation calling	14 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	15 GPA El Salvador 3/15-24: Pray that all 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	16 Thanks for the many who support Dr. Richard and RREACH in so many ways	17 Media Outreach messages across various media to draw many pre-Christians to the Lord Jesus Christ
18 Dr. Richard's family to grow closer to the Lord Jesus Christ and to each other	19 Speaking and evangelistic opportunities to arise for Dr. Richard	20 God's Word to be proclaimed clearly by Dallas and national GPA graduates	21 Media Outreach messages across various media to draw many pre-Christians to the Lord Jesus Christ	22 Pastoral trainers to encourage and edify each other through GProConneXt.com	23 Fruit from every opportunity God gives Dr. Richard to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ	24 Passion, clear vision, enduring connections and protection for graduates as GPA El Salvador closes
25 Many pre-Christians to dialogue with Media Outreach counselors	26 Dr. Richard, his family, board and staff to remain focused on the Lord Jesus Christ	27 Dr. Richard as he develops new talks	28 Good response as national organizers recruit pastors for the national GPAs to be held in their countries	29 Help and hope for Dallas and national GPA graduates, especially those ministering in dangerous situations	30 Dr. Richard's devotionals, articles and letters to be insightful and encouraging	31 Delegates' spiritual, emotional, relational and practical preparation for the 2018 Dallas GPA

Dallas Global Proclamation Academy

"I went on YouTube and succeeded in downloading seven videos of Dr. Ramesh in order to start listening to him and to his accent. I would like to exercise myself while waiting for the committee decision. In case I am chosen, I will not suffer too much in hearing everything and taking note when he will be teaching during GPA."
—Pastor K, Togo (an accepted candidate for the 2018 Dallas GPA)

This kind of joy and expectation has marked the 2018 Dallas GPA Admissions process from the moment the application went live. Pastor K, along with more than 60 others, is in the midst of RREACH's intense application process for the next Dallas GPA. Each applicant must be referred by a trusted GPA Referee, meet a list of strategic requirements, fill out a two-hour long application, and complete an interview with the GPA Admissions staff—all before attempting to secure a visa and raise funds to attend.

This year, the challenges are many. Unlike last year, none of our accepted applicants so far already have visas, which are becoming more and more difficult to obtain. A handful of applicants are from countries currently restricted by a travel ban. The cost of half an airline ticket is more than many of these pastors make in a year. One applicant in particular would be in true danger if his government discovered he is a Christian—much less planning to attend a conference where he would be learning how to train others to grow in Christ.

However, one thing marking each pastor who comes through the application process is the understanding that training is necessary. Hungry hearts are eager to receive theological training and soak up knowledge on putting together a sermon. Persecuted leaders are yearning for a fellowship of men who face similar challenges, even over continental boundaries.

These are the things that move those in the future DGPA Class of 2018, such as Pastor K, the Lord willing, to make special trips into area cities to download videos of Dr. Richard to acclimate to his accent, so that every moment spent in Dallas might be soaked up and not forgotten. Pray with us for this special, joy-filled group of men—our goal is 25 from 25 different countries—as they continue their journey to the 2018 Dallas GPA. 🙏



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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

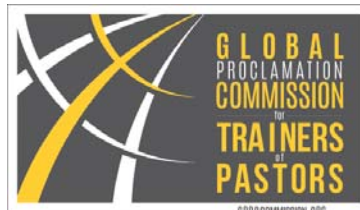
We accelerate our global impact by the wise use and mix
of personal proclamation, media outreach, and ministry
training to evangelize opinion leaders, strengthen pastoral
leaders, and reach large numbers of individuals,
especially of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

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.

A Felt Need on the Front Lines



GPA Argentina graduate:

*I was surprised to receive this gift of
Seven Steps [Dr. Richard's preaching
book, Preparing Expository Sermons],
and also by the materials and humble
GPA teachers and trainers. Our walks
and games, the examples ... they are an*

investment in the kingdom of heaven.

*I was reaffirmed through the SS and by seeing big men of God like Ramesh
spread it. I know the men who invest their lives and are obedient to the
commandments of God do not know about the impact or fruit generated by
their offering.*

*I want this to not be the case, because I will share in the best manner the
message of His Word to the 70 young people whom I have been serving for
eight years in the jail in Jujuy in the north part of Argentina.*