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“A man sent from God, whose name was John”

In memory of D. John Richard, father of Ramesh Richard (February 20, 1923 – February 3, 2018)



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Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

God-Sent John: A Reflection on John Richard's Life



Ramesh Richard*

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." Upon this important occasion of bidding a temporary farewell to my father, allow me to stretch that introduction of John the Baptizer in John 1:6 into a description of John Richard. The latter entered his heavenly reward for his earthly labor 17 days short of his 95th birthday (February 20, 1923 – February 3, 2018). Unlike the Baptizer's horrific martyrdom, my father's life was long and fruitful. Nevertheless, certain characteristics of John the Baptizer easily and beautifully apply to my beloved dad.

A God-Sent Man

"There was a man sent from God..."

"Which God?" one may ask. The answer is found in the preceding verses (Jn 1:1–3). A definite God and not a mere generic idea, a personal Being qualitatively different from the rest of the created order—this is the God who sent John. This One—the

Word—who was with God and was God, and who brought all reality into existence (v. 1), He became flesh and dwelt among us (v. 14). God, the Word, long of grace and truth, this One was Jesus Christ (v. 18). This is the living God, the God of all life and light (v. 4) who sent John.

Being sent by God made John the Baptizer specific and strategic in his assignment.

My dad sensed this divine "sent-ness," too. He represented the living God through his life and word, in his principles and practices of the light rather than darkness. Humility, love, wisdom, contentment and generosity characterized him. His immediate family and many others experienced his godly practices firsthand.

He immersed himself in God's Word. As a young lad, I remember finding him daily in the rickety easy chair on our verandah with pen in hand, underlining his Bible. I failed to find any unmarked pages when I would thumb through it. By the time he finished his earthly life, he had read the entire Bible 33 times!

The practice of precise, focused, *believing* prayer was ingrained into his schedule as part of daily work. He declined long phone conversations with kids or grandkids because he had "to get back to work"—the work of prayer. And we all know prayer is work. It is not even a week since his passing as I write this reflection. Yet, along with missing his thoughtful and timely encouragement to pursue God and His will, we already have started missing him telling us that he is praying daily for us.

He was a God-sent man, sent by the living and loving God of all creation and salvation, sent as a man with a purpose, a man on a mission.

A God-Sent Mission

"He [John the Baptizer] came for a witness,
that he might bear witness of the light" (Jn 1:7).

John Richard was on a God-sent mission to bear witness to the Light by means of a morally winsome life. He was fond of quoting and meeting the challenge of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore to Christians: "On that day when we see Christ living out His life in you, then on that day we Hindus will flock to your Christ even as doves flock to their feeding ground."

In fact, in my early years I wondered if he sinned at all. His airline colleagues teased him that if stranded on an island with the actress Gina Lollobrigida and the Bible, they knew John would be reading his Bible!

However, he didn't think his life alone was enough to share the full content of his relationship with God. He also testified to the Light with verbal witness. Like John the Baptizer, he would serve only as a pointer to the One who had been explicitly forecast and anticipated for 2,000 years. He would be simply the voice (v. 34), not the Christ. As his mission, he brought news of God's salvation.

The week prior to my father's death, I had the privilege of participating in the first National Missions Consultation of about 180 organizations drawn from across India. Many specifically asked about his welfare; one asked only about my father without even greeting me. Another leader wrote, "John Richard had given critical leadership to the founding of what would become the largest missions association in the world." I reveled in my father's national missions influence, personally and organizationally, not knowing that he would be gone from us the following week.

He traveled frequently to dozens of lands in various capacities as leader, teacher, facilitator and reconciler. Manorama, his faithful wife of 64 years, would tease him as "always planning on the next trip before he got back from this one!" And yet, once she became rather dependent on him, he changed his entire pattern of living to dedicate himself to the wife of his youth. This reprioritization did not escape the observation of his children and grandchildren.

I remember him, on his God-sent mission, making the plea in Seoul for the establishment of a continent-wide body for

evangelical Christians. While many nations in Asia were represented by their own deputations, a commission to represent evangelical convictions and causes across the burgeoning and dynamic continent would be critical for the future. That organization was established and continues its representational role today.

When I was not sure of what my next steps would be in the launching of an international coalition for pastoral trainers, he advised me to get the heads of 99 organizations on their knees to seek God's direction. And if we had a good response, we would have them vote on eight persons to comprise a continuation committee to further the immediate next steps. That spiritual wisdom still sustains our efforts.

Yet, he kindly but firmly refused to travel to Bangkok in 2016 for RREACH's historic global congress for pastoral trainers because it could be "a distraction from the purpose." He said, "Too many will pay attention to assisting me rather than to the program!" So, instead, we prerecorded his closing prayer for the nearly three thousand trainers of pastors from over 100 countries. Having coordinated many such international events and knowing what it takes, he praised God for its successful execution, prayed for the travel mercies for delegates from all the continents, and for efficient follow-up. His prayers were all answered. And indeed, seeing his face on the screens, several thought he had been there and sent regrets for not meeting with him at the event. John Richard was right. He would have been a distraction rather than a contribution. He wanted glory to go to His Christ alone while fulfilling his mission by life and word.



John Richard

A God-Sent Message

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29).

John born of Zechariah and Elizabeth, the first-century model, and John born of S. David Pillai and Nesammal, the twenty-first-century mimic, both knew that they could not but proclaim the life-saving message of Jesus the Messiah.

"Lamb of God" imagery reverberates throughout salvation history to capture Jesus' unique and ultimate sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. Animal sacrifice covered the transgression of one couple in the Garden, covered each family at the Jewish Passover, and covered an entire nation at the Day of Atonement. Finally, for all: the Lord Jesus is the sacrificial lamb for the sins of the entire world. Add, and multiply, the sins of all who live now, who have ever lived, and all who will ever live anywhere and everywhere, and the divine and sinless Lamb covers it all. Humanity becomes savable through faith alone in the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, for all who would place their trust in the Lamb of God, there is deliverance from eternal hell and righteous forgiveness of all our sins. Even as both Johns decreased in significance so that Jesus might increase in His (3:30), they did not fail to deliver this message about Jesus' salvation for all humanity with humility and clarity. When the Baptizer's disciples heard him speak, they followed Jesus (1:37). So, too, with my dad.

John Richard's internationally-known pastor considered him as "older brother, confidant and mentor" and used powerful imagery to capture his role: "While everything on the outside was going well, I was facing some of the darkest days of my life. Brother John Richard was a shining light to me." One of our Lord's testimonies of John the Baptizer was similar: "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light" (5:35).

This week of my dad's death, I started reading his book *Five Smooth Stones* for the first time. A rationale for this delay? Why read the book as long as we have the author around? In it, I can hear his preaching voice speaking about anyone "being sent":

A "sent" messenger is from God. In saying: [I] am "sent," he declares that he has no authority of his own. He himself is under authority ... He is just a relay station, bringing a message from God, the Originator of all good news. ... He is yet another bondservant. ... A "sent" messenger has nothing to glory of, save in God who has commissioned him. (p. 50)

The outpouring this week of hundreds of personal testimonies puts courage and comfort in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; we all together were willing to rejoice for a while in John Richard's light. Now as long as we are in the world, by the charge of our Savior, we shall be lights in the world. Just like our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, we want to be a God-sent "man," on a God-sent mission, with a God-sent message. ✠

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Vagabondslave: Personal Proclamation

Ramesh Richard selected *Balancing* as RREACH's 2018 organizational theme for strategic application. *Balancing* expresses an ongoing process and encompasses every aspect of RREACH's ministry and Ramesh's life.

Vision – changing the way individuals think *and* hear about the Lord Jesus

Mission – gifting *and* calling

Strategy – evangelism *and* church health

Activities – personal proclamation by Ramesh *and* local proclamation by others

Impact – deep/wide, near/far, large/small, poor/rich, high/low, short/long

Life – work *and* rest

I Proclaim (iPro) emphasizes Ramesh's personal proclamation as it balances with training others (*Global Proclamation*—GPro) to proclaim God's Word. God opened many proclamation opportunities—both planned and impromptu—over recent months. While visiting his dad, Dr. John Richard, in Syracuse, New York, he was invited to share his personal convictions at a dinner with 32 Indian foreign service leaders. All but two heard about the Lord Jesus' eternal provisions for the first time.

In Delhi, India, he delivered a salvation message at the wedding of a friend's daughter per the couple's request. Over 200 in the audience heard about the Bible's view of marriage as a bridge to the Gospel.

He also braved the traffic in Chennai, India, to visit the Indian office of a fine businessman friend whose U.S. offices are in the same building with RREACH. Even though this friend has yet to place his trust in Jesus, he gave Ramesh a spur-of-the-moment platform to address 35 of his staff on business principles. This, too, became a platform for the good news.

Strategic planning and much prayer preceded a private pre-evangelistic event in a closed Middle Eastern country. Dubbed "Trusted Friend to Trusted Friend," the gathering involved believers inviting friends to a dinner and talk by Dr. Richard. Close to 50 percent of the 20+ attendees were pre-Faith and every one of them demonstrated thoughtful attention. Some even indicated making decisions to trust the



Ramesh's 2018 first-quarter travels



Ramesh speaking at a worship gathering in a closed country

Lord Jesus.

He also spoke to a group of Christian believers there, who are allowed their own, separate worship gatherings. Such encouragement is invaluable to them as a minority faith community.

Ramesh was able to dedicate four days to creative time—his first successful attempt in more than five years—while in that land. Balancing his schedule to include blocks of time for content production continues to be a priority and prayer request.

Dr. Richard also prioritizes time with his family and friends amid the urgent, immediate and long-term demands of ministry. Of recent precedence: his and Bonnie's 41st wedding anniversary, daughter Sitara's 32nd birthday, and most importantly, granddaughter Annika Joy's second birthday! Pray God's total protection for the Richard family. Ramesh fully realizes that this divine blessing will help him use greater energies for his gifting and calling.

Perhaps the greatest balancing exercise, however, began with his beloved dad's quick home-going to heaven just 17 days before his 95th birthday. While in shock and mourning, Ramesh had to speak at the first memorial service the day after death struck his dad. This service drew a number of notable international unbelievers who wished to pay their respects to a man who had befriended them during his eight months in New York. After the service, each of them professed faith in the Lord Jesus! Dr. Richard's sister and her husband will follow up with them.

Ramesh relies moment by moment on the Sovereign Lord's providence in balancing all the needs and realities of life, especially after the home-going of the man who was not only his earthly father, but also his spiritual mentor and hero. As many have kindly advised, the process of grieving will take time. Yet Ramesh also hears his dad's voice in his head and heart citing, "Night comes when no man can work" (John 9:4). Please ask the favor of the Lord on this vagabondslave. 🙏



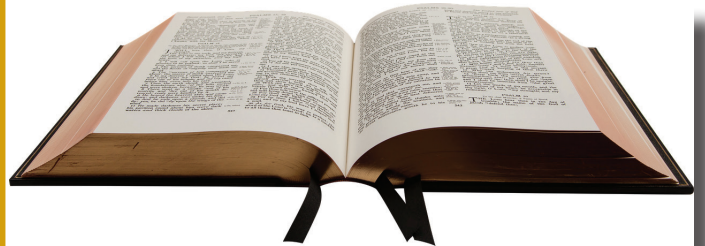


RREACH has established a Chair of Biblical Preaching and Pastoral Ministries (our second!) at ESEPA-- Central America's well-known and influential Evangelical Seminary for Pastoral Education in Costa Rica. We're especially pleased that Manrique Boca Salazar, a 2012 Dallas GPA graduate from Costa Rica, has been appointed to the chair.

Dr. Ramesh Richard's personal proclamation took him to a pre-evangelistic event in the Middle East. The organizers later sent this follow-up message.

By God's Grace we were able to give two Bibles to two of my colleagues on their request. They are moving.

Have asked them to read Gospel of John first and then forwarded a Bible reading plan.



Pastoral Training: Biblical Proclamation

Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors

The Global Proclamation Commission (GProCommission) for Trainers of Pastors continues to rapidly move towards its objective of connecting, uniting, and strengthening large numbers of pastoral trainers in 200 countries by 2020. We constantly celebrate training reports that indicate more and lasting ministry fruit associated with the work God has given us.



Rev. C is in the front with the grey plaid shirt

Currently, our GProCommunity—those pastoral leaders and pastoral trainers we are reaching in person or through social media—has grown to nearly 4,000 in 140 countries, with additional networks being shared with us every month.

One member of our GProCommunity—Rev. C from rural Kenya—has recently launched a Training, Equipping and Transforming (TET) program focusing on training pastors and ministry leaders in church leadership and management skills. Topics include leadership, management, strategic planning and more. The seminars almost exclusively use training curriculums that Rev. C has downloaded from the GProCommission library (GProLearning.org).

"If there's anything that has excited me, it is your prompt response to my continuous request for ministry support from you," Pastor C recently wrote to the GProCentral colleague who checks in with him monthly. "I am grateful, indeed, to God for connecting me to the GProTeam, and to you in particular, as my ministry mentors. I am truly inspired by the way you are passionately concerned about my ministry calling. May God truly and abundantly bless your generosity in Jesus' name."

This TET program is scheduled to take seven months to complete, with training taking place at seven churches around the region. (Transportation difficulties would make it impossible for many to participate had they been required to travel to Rev. C's church.) While Rev. C will travel to each church to complete the training, he is also discipling the pastors of those churches so they can help. In the first quarter of 2018, Rev. C held three TET seminars in various regions of Kenya, training 31 pastors and church leaders. As the TET program continues to grow throughout the next two quarters, he expects more and more pastors to be trained and to multiply their training.

Please continue to pray for Rev. C and others like him, who are committed to making Christ's Bride beautiful by strengthening pastoral leaders around the world. 🙏

In Memory: Global Christian Servant

D. John Richard (February 20, 1923 – February 3, 2018)

As a bondservant of the most High One, his Lord Jesus Christ, John Richard frequently said, “I have found God to be utterly trustworthy, wholly reliable, and entirely dependable.”

John Richard began full-time employment as a wireless operator at 16 and continued at that till he was 42. Then called by God into vocational Christian ministry, he took a 75 percent “cut” in pay and entered a sacrificial future with his wife and four young children. Over the next 53 years as a local, national and global leader for the Lord Jesus Christ, he and his family proved God’s utterly trustworthy plan, wholly reliable provision and entirely dependable faithfulness.

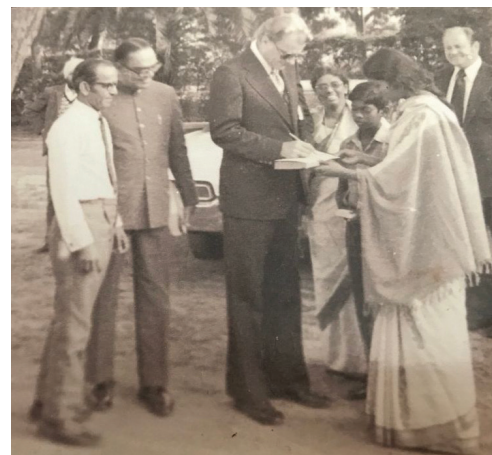
Born and raised in Rangoon, Burma (now Yangon, Myanmar), in a godly Lutheran family, John received Psalm 91:14 – 16 from his mother as life verses. He recited them every day until his last week on the earth, claiming promises of God’s deliverance, presence and satisfaction. And yet he considered himself a stranger to the experience of new birth until his personal conversion to Jesus Christ, to which he came through reading Christian literature.

Recognizing his integrity, kindness and discipline, Emmanuel Methodist Church in Madras (now Chennai) and the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI), the umbrella body representing the small percentage of Bible-believers in the land, invited him to help on their boards. In a region of massive spiritual, social and economic challenges, he worked toward the founding of the Indian Evangelical Mission, a leading mission agency, and the EFI Committee on (Emergency) Relief. He arranged conferences for pastors and special meetings for servants of Christ such as Corrie Ten Boom and Billy Graham.

He was ordained by Delhi Bible Fellowship and assisted as honorary pastor and board member for several years. The Hindustan Bible Institute and College in Madras conferred on him an honorary doctorate in divinity.

John Richard also founded the India Missions Association, a body of missions agencies that would become the largest missions association in the world. As the co-founding general secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of Asia, he organized the first Asian Mission Congress. He served with the World Evangelical Fellowship, the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, and the AD2000 Movement. His final years saw him as minister-at-large of ACTION International Ministries, speaking in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and playing a vital role in RREACH’s human capital campaign to reduce the global deficit of undertrained pastors. His favorite self-reference in appeal for God’s favor was powerfully simple: “thy servant.”

A few years ago, he wrote, “I don’t know when the Lord will call me to Himself, but I pray for two things: First, that the epitaph on my tombstone will have three simple words—‘He ended well.’ Second, to Christ alone belongs all the glory for that which He has wrought through His servant John.”



Two giants of the faith are now gazing at Jesus’ face. John Richard, in the closed neck jacket, is with evangelist Billy Graham in a picture taken 45 years ago in New Delhi. Manorama Richard is the lady in glasses. They have cast their heavenly crowns before Him. (Others in the picture are still alive as I write this note...)



John Richard would speak to the Dallas GPA delegates on the evening of Father’s Day each year

John Richard evaluated and approved the applications for the first 10 Dallas Global Proclamation Academies, 2005 – 2015. He also spoke at the Dallas GPA Sunday Social each Father’s Day and at the first Dallas GPA Reunion (2010), making a deep impact on many of the pastors:

“He impacted our lives deeply in our brief encounters and challenged me personally regarding praying for my family, giving me a copy of his daily prayer for [his family.] What a legacy of faith and hope. The name of our God is lifted high by the life of his faithful servant.” Pastor N, Sri Lanka, Dallas GPA 2005

“Dr. Richard was a legend for Christ who has left a legacy of where he has gone. It was a God given privilege at the 2006 GPA to be at his feet and learn certain ‘Life Long Lessons’ which cannot be found elsewhere.” Pastor O, Jamaica, Dallas GPA 2006

“I found these lines of affirmation he wrote very special: ‘The LORD has given you a tremendous helpmeet in the person of Kavita, who is so ably assisting you in the ministry entrusted to you. May the Lord continue to own the ministry entrusted to you and may the joy of the Lord be your ever-increasing portion and strength!’” Pastor J, India, Dallas GPA 2008

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"Praising God for the Beautiful life of Sir. John Richard. Right from the time I met him in 2009, he has become my Inspiration. I still remember his words about how he prayerfully chose my name for the GPA Academy 2009 Batch. We as a family are praying the (Prayer for my Family) prayer of Sir. John in our family devotions." Pastor S, India, Dallas GPA 2009

"My challenge: May we learn from him the Spirit of fighting on with resilience, and keeping the Faith at heart and not just the head blessings." Pastor S, Kenya, Dallas GPA 2012

"It was a privilege for me to meet Dr. John during Dallas GPA 2015, he was such a blessing with his few words and God pleasing life testimony." Pastor A, Syria, GPA 2015



ENLARGE: In honor of the heart and legacy of the parents of Ramesh Richard

Bold Moves

In 1962, I was nine. I vividly remember my mother, Manorama, taking us kids to church and praying nightly for my dad's safe return from helping air-drop food to the front lines of a major war in the region.

In 1971, my dad, John, once again delivered practical help—hand-carrying hard cash—during a massive buildup of refugees on the Indian border. In my late teens, I heard his stories of dog and man fighting over the same scrap of food, of a baby sucking at its dead mother's breast.

Just a few years earlier, Dad had held a prestigious and well-compensated job in an economy where unemployment rose on occasion to 40 percent. He sensed, however, God calling him into vocational Christian service. With Mom's glad consent, Dad obeyed God and moved into the risky future of full-time ministry and a huge pay cut.

Although I now understand (but would still find his bold move hard to imitate), at the age of 13 I did not appreciate the changes in my food, clothing, social networks, and mode of transportation. Yet during those tender years, God began sensitizing me to the economic needs of Christian workers.

And I have tried to do something significant about it.

Broad Needs

RREACH serves many pastors living in difficult conditions. Not only that, these pastors and their families uncomplainingly put their congregations' needs before their own. We established the Pastor's Family Care Fund to strengthen such leaders in situations of extreme poverty, social persecution and natural disaster, temporarily easing their personal financial responsibilities in defined, specific, measurable and accountable ways.

Over the last 30 years RREACH has helped pastors' families with immediate and/or transitional relief in places such as post-earthquake Haiti, tsunami-hit Sri Lanka, war-torn Liberia, and Ebola-stricken parts of Africa.

Several years ago, after my mother's graduation to heaven and because of her evangelistic role in my salvation and encouraging role in ministry, we developed the Mother's Care Fund as an extension of the Pastor's Family Care Fund. Memorial gifts in Manorama Richard's honor helped pastors' wives in economically deprived situations care for their children's physical and educational needs.

ENLARGE

Now, after my dad's heavenly home-going, I come to you, in the name of the One whom John and Manorama Richard served with humility, integrity and simplicity, to ENLARGE the boundaries of similarly faithful servants who serve despite deprivation and disaster.

Our goal for THE ENLARGE FUND is \$1m in 2018, to be given away over the next 10 years or earlier as pastoral families' needs and opportunities present themselves. We have a short window of opportunity, because my parents' legacy will soon be forgotten by many.

I carry a great burden to relieve pastors of some of their immediate, financial needs so they can focus their spiritual energies on ministering to their congregations and communities in economically destitute situations.

If God has given you the ability to give ahead of your eternal reward ... If you would like to prioritize the household of faith and her first responders with tangible, financial help ... If you wish to entrust financial resources to an organization which Only God has protected, I invite you to give to THE ENLARGE FUND.

Please write me directly at ramesh@rreach.org or visit www.ENLARGE.life for further information.

"Do good to all people, and especially to the household of faith."
Gal. 6:10

Pastoral Training: Global Proclamation



National Global Proclamation Academies - GPA DR Congo East

Political issues in the region nearly derailed plans for GPA Democratic Republic of Congo East, but “God gave us courage, and today we are celebrating God’s greatness,” organizers said. Just a month after 30 young pastors graduated from the academy, held January 4–13 in Goma, a crisis arose that would certainly have postponed the event if the organizers had not moved forward when they did.

The GPA host, a GProCongress participant, declared it a platform for changing the mindset of church leaders, challenging the status quo. Although eastern DR Congo is predominantly Christian in population and has many churches, most serve primarily as tribal or ethnic gatherings. The GPA provided a model for the regional church by not basing its selection criteria on color or denomination and by providing a curriculum of formal quality in a non-formal context.



Pastors gathered from the eastern portion of DR Congo to attend the national GPA in Goma



2018 Dallas Global Proclamation Academy



GLOBAL Proclamation ACADEMY

A Ministry of REACH

Each morning when I arrive to work, my inbox is flooded with questions, referrals and applications for the 2018 Dallas GPA. Word of this program has spread so widely through the 2016 GProCongress, GProConneXt.com, our Dallas and national GPA grads, and by word of mouth that greater interest occurs each year for one of the 25 coveted spots.

Almost everyone who applies makes a strong case for his attendance to the program. It’s a constant reminder how *deep* the need goes for better trained pastors and those called to train others in the very things we aim to teach at the Dallas GPA: biblical spirituality, theological discernment and expository preaching. Many applications

are accompanied by a plea—for example, to remember the hundreds of pastors in West Africa who are filled with passion but lacking the hold on biblical truth that allows God’s Word to settle deeply into the hearts of their congregants. I’ve been reminded that there are virtually untouched areas of South America that could flourish if only if someone knew how to train pastors.

But the tried and true model of accepting just 25 pastors each year (give or take a couple!) “limits” us. Our admissions team has learned that since God knows who ought to be here each year, we must leave it completely in His hands. How else are we to choose?

Each year promises to have its own unique cohort, blended with different personalities and different cultures that the Lord handpicks. We are reminded of this each time a visa is rejected, trusting that God’s plan for that pastor is something greater, even if it means this year his path does not cross ours. Sometimes we eventually get to see a little bit of what He might have had in mind, such as when Pastor S from Cameroon finally received his visa after two years of trying. Now we anticipate his inclusion in this year’s cohort.

So far, 13 pastors make up our official candidate list. With visas in hand, they are beginning their preparation to come to Dallas this summer. There are still 15 more somewhere in the process of applying for their visas, waiting for their interviews, filling out their initial applications, or maybe even now just hearing about the program itself.

Their anticipation is great, and we hope yours is, too!

Countries represented so far in 2018: **Bolivia***, **Brazil**, **Burundi**, **Cameroon**, **Côte d’Ivoire**, **Gambia***, **Guyana**, **Liberia**, **Macedonia***, **Mauritius***, **St. Kitts and Nevis***, **Tanzania** and **Uganda**

*new countries

Written by Jordan Denniston, Dallas GPA Admissions Coordinator 🌍



LEADERREACH

Ramesh Richard has developed LEADERREACH, a new personal proclamation initiative, to reach the hearts and minds of leaders who reach leaders. We release series of short, weekly video messages in which Dr. Richard speaks on timely topics vital to healthy leadership. The following Q&A excerpt from our GProCommission team explores Dr. Richard's motivation and methods for LEADERREACH.

GPC Team: What is LEADERREACH?

Dr. Richard: As leaders come to my office, they tend to ask questions about personal spiritual growth and spiritual health, which seem to be the fundamental source and resource for all their leadership standards. LEADERREACH seeks to address these questions. As much as I would love to visit with every leader personally in my office, I know that is not possible.

Thankfully, through media technology, we have a unique opportunity where I can bring my office to every leader.

I want to stress that this is not a leadership website; there are many such wonderful sources and resources. LEADERREACH is our way of giving biblical and spiritual input to leaders who reach leaders.

GPC Team: Why spiritual health?

Dr. Richard: I want to strategically address the spiritual needs and health of leaders, because if leaders are not vitally spiritually healthy, they will not be able to healthily influence the people they lead.

GPC Team: What topics do you cover?

Dr. Richard: We have covered significance, failure, success, usefulness and "playing God," as well as life-work-family balance. In fact, you can access previous episodes and submit your questions via LEADERREACH.org. Perhaps the question facing you today will be our next topic!

GPC Team: Who do you hope sees these videos?

Dr. Richard: We desire LEADERREACH to be a continual source of encouragement and wellspring of wisdom to leaders of church and society, but especially to those who are engaged or want to be engaged in the work of *training* other leaders. Our primary focus is pastoral leaders, but LEADERREACH applies to everyone who has the role and responsibility of being a leader in every sphere of influence at church and marketplace. God has placed each person in spiritual stewardship roles of impact as he or she leads at home, the workplace or in a local church setting.

Topics in the first LEADERREACH series:

- How can you **spiritually examine** your heart as a leader?
 - How can we pursue **long-term sustainability** in our roles as leaders?
 - Where am I **failing as a leader**?
 - Where are you **succeeding as a leader**?
 - How can leaders **think of themselves correctly**?
- Listen or sign up at LEADERREACH.org. 📺



"This privilege of serving as a leader is not something that we can grab. It is something that we receive; we are placed by God into it."

Ramesh Richard

Global Prayer Commission (GPrayCommission)

If you've been around Ramesh Richard and RREACH long, you'll know that Only God is our core operational value and that prayer has been a hallmark since the organization's inception. In fact, prayer was integral to Ramesh's life before he was born. One well-known Christian leader remarked, "Ramesh Richard is the product of his father's prayers."

Periodically we like to reflect on the powerful privilege of prayer and encourage one another in it. Simply put, it is the most profound way you can support Dr. Ramesh Richard and RREACH.

RREACH's Global Prayer Commission (GPrayCommission) exists to support our mission of implementing God's calling and gifting on Ramesh Richard to promote the Lord Jesus Christ worldwide. It activates and actualizes our vision of changing the way One Billion Individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus. Toward that end we are strengthening and expanding our current prayer network and balancing prayer around RREACH's three ministry clusters: personal proclamation, media outreach and pastoral training to evangelize leaders, strengthen pastors, and reach into large numbers of individuals, especially of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

So whether you are new to RREACH or a callus-kneed RREACH prayer warrior—each of you is unique, vital and precious—we invite you to explore our GPrayCommission opportunities. Use the options below as a launch pad for getting involved, and send us your ideas about prayer for RREACH. Thank you!

Resources


- ☐ Pray4rameshrichard.com blog – brief weekly updates (also linked to Facebook)
- ☐ Time-sensitive or special requests
- ☐ Prayer calendars – in print and online through the quarterly RR Crossing newsletter
- ☐ Prayer events – at RREACH, in your area, or online

Actions

- ☐ Sign up for any of the above and pray
- ☐ Invite your church or small group to pray over brief monthly updates
- ☐ Invite a friend to pray for special needs or on a regular basis
- ☐ Send us your personal praise or prayer request
- ☐ Jot a note of encouragement to Ramesh after you pray 🙏



APRIL 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 Those who have heard Ramesh proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ to choose to follow Him	3 Pastoral trainers to be connected and strengthened through the GProCommission team's efforts	4 Passion, clear vision and enduring connections for graduates as GPA Central African Republic closes	5 Dallas and national GPA graduates to proclaim God's Word well and widely	6 Good airfares for pastors coming to the 2018 Dallas GPA	7 Patience, diligence and excellence for RREACH staff and ministry teams
8 National GPAs to be held in at least 25 different countries this year	9 Implementation of strategies to expand Dr. Richard's personal proclamation	10 Wisdom in selecting content for GProLearning.org	11 Good response to Life Rocks outreach campaigns, especially in closed regions	12 GPA Angola 4/12 – 21: Pray that 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	13 Perseverance for Dallas and national GPA grads as many face ministry opposition	14 God's provision of every kind of resource needed for the ministry
15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Dedicated time, focus and creativity for Dr. Richard to study and write new material	17 Practical preparation for Dallas GPA delegates	18 GPA Panama 4/18 – 27: Pray that 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	19 Leaders to be strengthened for service through the LEADERREACH videos	20 Peace and strength as Dr. Richard continues to adjust to the earthly loss of his dad	21 Passion, clear vision and enduring connections for graduates as GPA Angola closes
22 Innovative strategies to spread the Gospel through Media Outreach	23 The right 25 pastors to attend each national GPA	24 Ways to distribute Dr. Richard's books/talks/resources so many more can benefit	25 Submission to the Lord's leading as the RREACH board meets April 27 – 28	26 GPA Paraguay 4/26 – 5/5: Pray that 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	27 Passion, clear vision and enduring connections for graduates as GPA Panama closes	28 God's Spirit to protect all involved in preparing for, helping with, and coming to the Dallas GPA
29 Dr. Richard's family to be strengthened in their love for the Lord Jesus and each other	30 Pre-evangelistic events to effectively draw opinion leaders to consider the Gospel	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission= Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors			

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MAY 2018

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		1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 Dallas GPA graduates transferring GPA training/principles to leaders in their churches and areas	3 At least 25 national GPAs to be held and funded in 2018	4 Pastoral trainers to see God work mightily as they labor to do more and better pastoral training	5 Passion, clear vision and enduring connections for graduates as GPA Paraguay closes
6 The RREACH staff and ministry teams to be strengthened in every good word and deed	7 Spiritual preparation for the Dallas GPA candidates	8 Those who have heard Dr. Richard talk about the Lord Jesus to continue toward Him	9 Gratitude for the spiritual legacy of Dr. Richard's parents	10 Dr. Richard's Media Outreach messages to open many hearts and minds to the Lord Jesus Christ	11 Quality translation and distribution of Dr. Richard's materials in various languages	12 More international colleagues to serve on the GProCommission team
13 The Lord to watch over and speak through Dr. Richard during his upcoming ministry trip	14 More connections in arranging national GPAs	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Encouragement, wisdom, provision and protection as Dallas and national GPA grads faithfully serve	17 GPA Chile 5/17 – 5/26: Pray that 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	18 Dallas GPA Master Coaches to be greatly used by God	19 Speaking and evangelistic opportunities for Dr. Richard
20 Capacity and Christlikeness as the GProCentral team encourages pastoral trainers	21 Smooth production of Life Rocks videos and emails	22 Protection over Dallas GPA delegates' families and ministries, especially while they are away	23 A block of time for Dr. Richard to study and write	24 A spirit of love, unity and enthusiasm among the RREACH staff and ministry teams	25 Dr. Richard to have a clear mind and heart amid all the demands on his time and attention	26 Passion, clear vision and enduring connections for graduates as GPA Chile closes
27 More creative ways for believers to introduce pre-Christian friends to Dr. Richard to learn about the Lord Jesus	28 Good production process for LEADERREACH video messages	29 Pastoral trainers to encourage one another through GProConneXt.com	30 Media Outreach messages to get to the people who need them	31 Undisclosed National GPA 6/1 – 6/10: Pray that 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission= Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors

JUNE 2018

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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 requests to melissa@rreach.org and let us pray for you!			GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	DTS=Dallas Theological Seminary	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 All equipment to function as needed during the Dallas GPA
3 GPA pastors' spouses, children and families to be safe and well taken care of during their extended time away	4 DTS to smoothly finalize rooms, classrooms and menus in preparation for the arrival of the pastors	5 The Dallas GPA pastors to have safe travel, on-time flights, and all connections made from their countries to Dallas	6 Effective communication among RREACH team members, who are spread all over the world	7 Efficiency and effectiveness as RREACH continues to prepare for the 2018 Dallas GPA	8 Wide and deep exposure to the Gospel through Media Outreach initiatives	9 Passion, clear vision and enduring connections for graduates as GPA Undisclosed closes
10 The Dallas GPA, 6/10 – 6/30. For God to use the GPA to deeply change the pastors' hearts	11 A great first day in the classroom to start Dallas GPA 2018, for the Lord's glory	12 Dallas GPA Master Coaches to have safe travel and for God to use each of them to encourage the pastors	13 The Dallas GPA Global Impact Lunches to inspire those who attend	14 Pray against any unforeseen medical emergencies and for Dallas GPA pastors to remain healthy	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Host families to build lasting relationships with Dallas GPA pastors and each family to be encouraged by their visit
17 The Dallas GPA Sunday night social to be a time of relationship building as the pastors reunite	18 RREACH staff to serve with excellence and joy	19 The Dallas GPA pastors to continue to be spiritually challenged by the Master Coaches	20 The families and churches of the Dallas GPA pastors to function well in their absence	21 Protection against spiritual attacks and for unity among the staff	22 Host families to build lasting relationships with Dallas GPA pastors and each family to be encouraged by their visit	23 Daily encouragement and deepening faith for Dr. Richard and his family
24 The Dallas GPA Sunday night social to be a time of relationship building as the pastors reunite	25 Dallas and national GPA graduates to multiply the connecting, uniting and strengthening they've received	26 GProCongress attendees to be encouraged as they carry out their pastoral training plans	27 The Lord to give Dr. Richard the resources he needs to deliver the banquet address on June 30	28 Good attendance at upcoming pre-evangelistic events	29 All last-minute details for the Dallas GPA graduation dinner	30 Great blessing on the 2018 graduating class of the Dallas GPA and travel mercies as they return home



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A Felt Need on the Front Lines

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.



Pastor R, 2017 Dallas GPA graduate from
Uganda:

"My time at the Dallas GPA wasn't just a
pastoral training period; it was a personal
transformation season. Those three
weeks transformed my life to be the Man,
Husband, Father, Servant, Minister, Pastor

and Leader God intended me to be. I have attended many trainings that
impacted my life, but Dr. Richard's model of Expository Preaching changed
my life as a preacher, and I now spend more time reading the Word of God
as well as preparing the sermon.

"I live in the community where HIV/AIDs was first detected in the 1980s.
Because of this crisis, many people have never gone to school. Today,
pastors have the passion, calling, experience and responsibilities of church
leaders, yet are uneducated. It's unfortunate, but I thank God who knew them
and is ready to use them. Soon, I will have a model extracted from 'Scripture
Sculpture' [Dr. Richard's expository preaching training material] that is
accessible for preachers in rural areas. This will not change the content, but
make it simpler for the uneducated.

"We want the future generations in Uganda to be able to use any
opportunity that comes their way as we give them free, Christ-centered
education *now*. Let's join hands together to make it possible."