

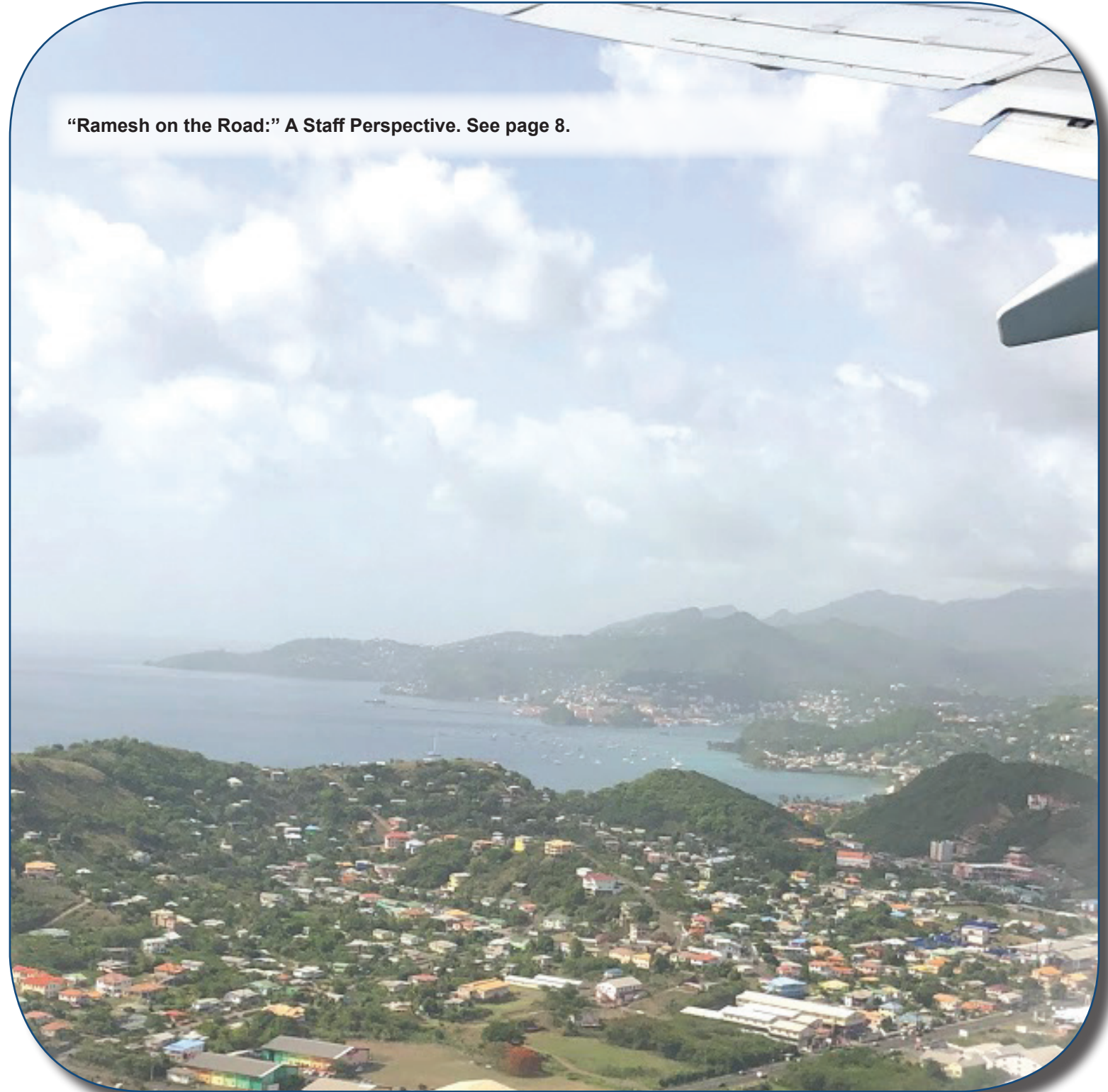
# RR CROSSING

RAMESH RICHARD EVANGELISM AND CHURCH HEALTH

A GLOBAL PROCLAMATION MINISTRY

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## RREACH

Ramesh Richard Evangelism and Church Health

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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.*

## “Lessons I Am Learning From the Lord”



Ramesh Richard with his father, John

Ramesh Richard's Preface: I usually write a biblical-theological-practical reflection to open this publication, but I would like to close out this year with some words of wisdom from my late father—the biggest, deepest and longest spiritual influence in my life. On February 4, 2018, John Richard went to join my mother, Manorama, with the Lord Jesus Christ, just 16 days short of his 95th birthday. As many of us are entering a publicly recognized season of thankfulness and remembrance of our Savior's incarnation, I wish to share with you these deep insights from my Appa. May they encourage your heart and bring glory to God.

### 1. Until I die, I need to learn lessons from my LORD.

He wants to fulfill in me the desire of His Son, my Jesus, who prayed, “I in them” (John 17:23, 26). The longing of Christ is to incarnate Himself in the life of every true believer: my mind—a mind through which Christ thinks; my voice—a voice through which Christ speaks; my heart—a heart through which Christ loves; and my hand—a hand through which Christ helps.

In short, Christ's desire is that I be a little Christ. As a little Christ, I can boldly reiterate the words of the apostle Paul to our people: “I urge you to imitate me.... Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord...will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church” (1 Cor. 4:16–17). Again in 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul pleads with the Corinthians, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

When I think of the example of Christ, I think of the fact that my Lord's practice exceeded His teaching. Jesus taught, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13 KJV). But what did He do in practice? Jesus laid down His life for the ungodly, sinners and His enemies (Rom. 5:6, 8, 10). Christ's practice exceeded His teaching.

By contrast, my teaching far exceeds my practice. So please pray for me. The world is waiting to see the outliving of an in-living Christ. “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.” (Dr. Rabindranath Tagore)

### 2. My goal should be God Himself.

My goal is God Himself, not joy,  
nor peace,  
Nor even blessing, but Himself, my  
God;  
‘Tis His to lead me there—not  
mine, but His—  
At any cost, dear Lord, by  
any road.

—F. Brook (Keswick #279)

When the Blessor Himself is mine, why  
should I seek His mere blessings (cf.  
Rom. 8:32)?

His is the responsibility to lead me  
to Himself. Mine is to respond to Him  
and say, “At any cost, dear Lord, by any  
road.” I am learning that God's ways  
may not be the easiest, may not be  
the shortest, may not appear to be the  
safest, but His ways are ever right.

### 3. Through the once-for-all sacrifice of the body of Christ, I have been made holy (Heb. 10:10).

Yet, through that same sacrifice I am  
*being made* holy (10:14). That is, I am  
being conformed to the likeness of Christ  
(Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18). This my God  
accomplishes through the process of  
self-disglorification: “He must increase,  
but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

This process of self-disglorification  
is seen in the life of the apostle Paul  
in these chronologically arranged  
statements:

- Not in the least inferior to the chiefest of the apostles (2 Cor. 11:5)
- Less than the least of all the saints (Eph. 3:8)
- The chiefest of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15)

The dross has to be purged; the  
jagged ends of our character, its rough  
edges, have to be made smooth in the  
furnace of afflictions.

“Lord cut, Lord carve, Lord mould,  
Lord do anything that may perfect Thy  
Father's image in us and make us meet  
for glory.” (Samuel Rutherford)

“Lord, open Thou mine eyes that I may  
see the real smallness of my greatest  
greatness.” (A Puritan's prayer)

“I have seen the enemy; it is I myself.”  
(Pogo, the philosopher)

### 4. My life should be an open storybook.

That I should walk in the light day  
by day; that I should lead a life of  
transparency; that I should ever keep  
in mind all that I think, speak and do  
as naked and open before the eyes  
of Him with whom I have to do; that I  
should endeavor to have a conscience  
void of offense toward both God and  
man; that I should be blameless in the  
sight of both God and man, harboring  
no unconfessed, unrepented sin, if I  
am to keep on being filled with all the  
fullness of the Spirit of God. I need to  
remember, too, that there's such a thing  
as “solidarity of sin.” Illustration: Achan's  
sin and Israel's defeat at Ai—God says  
Israel has sinned (Josh. 7:5, 11). No  
sinning Christian is an island.

### 5. I can never graduate from the foot of the Cross.

I need, therefore, to pray daily certain  
prayers:

- “Lord, deliver me from the power  
of self-deception. You know the  
deceitfulness of my heart; show me my



exact condition as I am in Your sight and grant me grace to repent, confess and forsake all sins that bring grief to Your holy heart.”

b. Far be it, O Lord, that I should be known as a Doctor of Deception; may I truly be a Doctor of Divinity.

c. Lord, I bring to You my personal sins: sins of impurity, ingratitude, impatience, unlove, untruthfulness, unbelief, prayerlessness, pride, hidden corruption and self-centeredness. Lord, wash me. Lord, make me clean. Thank you, Lord, for the blood of Jesus Christ, my Blessed Savior, which goes on cleansing me, moment by moment.

#### **6. I am learning the crying need to cover my family in regular, sustained prayer.**

Morality especially is fast declining everywhere, and one wonders what it will be for our children and grandchildren in another 10 to 15 years. The terrible times in the last days mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:1 – 9 are already happening among us. Hence I pray every day:

O Blessed Trinity, may your benediction resting upon me and my wife be passed on to our children, our children’s children and the generations to come! May their lives be as a sweet-smelling savor! May they exude the fragrance of the Lord Jesus Christ! May their outward lives, which men see, bring much credit to our Master’s name! May they all be filled with all the fullness of God! May they be complete in Christ! May rivers of living water flow from their innermost being! May they irradiate the beauty, the mind and the character of Christ! May they reflect like mirrors the glory and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ! May they all be full-time Christians and some among them even full-time Christian workers! May they be reconcilers reconciling people unto God, people with people, repairers of the breaches, bridge builders! May they scatter sunshine wherever they go! May they distil the dews of peace wherever they go! May none of them be lost unto perdition!

#### **7. I need to have victory in the area of my reactions.**

I have no power over what others may speak against me or may do to me. But then in the strength that the Son of God supplies, I can have power over how I react to those who hurt me by their words and harm me by their deeds.

We know of Victor Frankl, who told his Nazi guards, “You have killed my wife, my children; you have stripped me naked; but there’s one thing that you cannot take away from me and that’s as to how I choose to react to what you have done to me.” That’s showing the mind of Christ, who cried out as He hung on that cruel cross, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). Likewise we hear Stephen praying for his enemies, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them” (Acts 7:60).

Dr. Paul Rees says, “To return evil for good is Satan-like; to return evil for evil is beast-like; to return good for good is man-like; to return good for evil is Christ-like.” The apostle Paul says he takes pleasure in reproaches, he delights in “insults” for Christ’s sake (2 Cor. 12:10). Says Stanley Jones, “My critics are the unpaid guardians of my soul.” Our critics watch over the health of our souls. What more! They are doing us a service and we do not even have to pay them a salary. The Lord uses my critics to see that I do not stray away from the narrow path He wants me to traverse. The lesson is that we spill out what we are filled with. Is it the fruit of the Spirit or the vinegar of resentment?

#### **8. I need to cultivate a holy fear not to become a castaway.**

The apostle Paul, who could boldly witness to Christ before the authorities of his day, had this holy fear. He said, “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor. 9:27 KJV). I am to run the race in such a way as to get the prize. Strict training and self-control are absolutes. Therefore I beat my body and make it my slave, so that I myself will not become disqualified for

the prize. God forbid that I should hear Him say, “I have no more use for you; you are now to Me as a rejected, broken piece of china.”

The Bible speaks of two Sauls. The first Saul is Saul, the son of Kish, the first King of Israel. He had a great beginning but a poor ending. By contrast, the second Saul, Saul of Tarsus, had a poor beginning but a great ending. I am to take heed as to how I end the race. I have to bear in mind that I am high on Satan’s hit list, that there’s a way to hell from the very gate of heaven, that many mighty captains of the Lord’s Army have fallen by the wayside, not fighting the Lord’s battles but by playing into the hands of the evil one, and that there have been surprises of sin even in the holiest of histories. “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12 KJV). This I have to do day by day until the Lord completes my pilgrimage on earth.

#### **9. I should so live now that I will be remembered even after my departure for the spiritual impact that I had made on some people.**

That I may be able to re-echo the words of the apostle, “I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:6–8 KJV).

Of me, may it be engraved on my tombstone: **HE ENDED WELL.** 🙏



## Personal Proclamation: Vagabondslave

Unless he is intentionally sharing the Lord Jesus with people, Ramesh Richard feels anything else he says as a biblical theologian or Christian teacher is merely concept and theory. “I need to personally witness to stay fresh and faithful to the Gospel,” he notes.

Recently in Grenada, West Indies, Ramesh invited a bright young man to lunch. He had walked away from the Lord Jesus. “Lord,” he prayed, “give me an entrée to talk to him about deep spiritual things.”

About that time a breeze cut across the veranda, knocking over one of their two water bottles. Dr. Richard retrieved the empty bottle and placed it back on the table. As the chat continued, the breeze again nudged the bottle off the table. As Dr. Richard picked up the bottle a second time, he realized the answer to his prayer. He said to his guest, “Why do you think this bottle keeps getting knocked over?”

“That bottle is empty and the other one is full,” the young man replied. From there, Ramesh went on to gently converse with him about his spiritual lack. The door to repentance and return once again opened.

### Grenada Proclamation

The trip to the lower West Indies provided many planned and impromptu opportunities, as did other events throughout mid-summer months. On the Miami to Grenada flight, the woman sitting next to him confided she had just lost her grandmother and was on her way to see her dying mother. Dr. Richard shared the Gospel and, with permission, prayed with her.

In Grenada he enjoyed the “full complement” of personal proclamation engagements—a pre-evangelistic dinner talk, teaching at GPA Grenada, a pastors conference, and a meeting with Grenadian government cabinet members. After the outreach dinner, a graduate of the just-held GPA noted the lady who won the evening giveaway—a Gospel-journal Dr. Richard has written especially for pre-Christians—and established a spiritual relationship with her. It was a beautiful example of how

the evangelism and pastoral training wings of Dr. Richard’s proclamation ministry (super)naturally function together toward one vision: changing how large numbers of individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ.

To round out that fruitful trip, as Dr. Richard boarded his flight back to the U.S., he found the same woman he had met on the flight to Grenada would be his co-passenger. Although she never gave evidence of moving toward the Lord Jesus, she openly welcomed the opportunity to talk with Dr. Richard again



Ramesh’s 2018 third-quarter travels

about the issues of life in a spiritual way. Pray for her!

### Costa Rica Proclamation

God gave him another trip rich in proclamation at the start of the school year, this time to Costa Rica. His schedule included two pre-evangelistic events, several sessions at their first national pastors conference, speaking to a gathering of Christian leaders of a quickly growing lay-initiative, and a Sunday morning service. The first evangelistic event morphed from a target

gathering of 100–200 with at least 50 percent being pre-Christian to a crowd of 1,000, most of them already believers.

Despite his regret at this shift of the ratio of unbelievers to believers, Dr. Richard stayed with his assigned topic, life purpose. He later received word that about 10 percent of the audience was pre-Faith. In God’s economy, that 10 percent represented 100 souls—the same number of pre-Christians that would have been expected as 50 percent of an audience of 200. Best of all, about 20 indicated the embrace of the Lord Jesus that night.

The next day, a seminary president requested to attend that evening’s pre-evangelistic event at a premier country club. Ever mindful of the event’s purpose, Dr. Richard encouraged him to bring a non-believing friend. The man invited his prodigal daughter and her atheist husband. To his astonishment and delight, they agreed to come. Afterward, he joyfully told Dr. Richard that they had appreciated the talk and were open to more such events. Pray for them!

Ramesh was grateful to help launch the annual, national preaching conference at ESEPA, Costa Rica’s foremost seminary. It was organized by a Dallas GPA graduate who now holds the RREACH Chair of Biblical Preaching and Pastoral Ministries. There, he met influential Pastor R and several men he is mentoring, and discovered that the pastor came to Christ at a pre-evangelistic event 15 years prior—an event that Dr. Richard thought had been a failure in terms of preparation and attendance.

That wasn’t the only way Dr. Richard’s ministry had influenced his life, either. Two of Pastor R’s friends happen to be Dallas GPA graduates. They noticed that his preaching needed a lot of work. Over time, their input and example won him over to biblical preaching. He now staunchly uses that method in a church context that has not valued expository preaching. His congregation is growing healthier as they receive solid biblical nourishment. On his final day in San José, Dr. Richard got to speak to that congregation—an all-seats-taken crowd. “As soon as I stood up to speak, my seat

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was taken!" he said.

## And More Proclamation

Dr. Richard's summer days spent in the U.S. were no less busy than his international trips. He recorded numerous short videos for LifeRocks, RREACH's media outreach, and for PASTORREACH, a new media digest for pastoral leaders where Christ's Church is growing. He also spoke several times in Dallas area churches, made significant strides in organizational succession discussions, and chaired the final of a set of conference calls about the urgent needs of pastoral training. This was the 15th conference call which arose out of the 2016 GProCongress for Pastoral Trainers. Two hundred participants from over 50 countries have participated in these calls.

He also devoted time to the rejuvenation of Trainers of Pastors International Coalition (TOPIC) and attended the annual Dallas Seminary faculty workshop. He even squeezed in a precious week away with his family,



Dr. Richard speaking at a pre-evangelistic event in Costa Rica

especially sweet in this grandchildren stage of his life.

Proclamation is never just a theoretical exercise for this Vagabondslave of the Lord Jesus Christ. Its importance and urgency is expressed in a statement his dear, late father, John Richard, often said: There is "so much to be done, for

so many, with so little, in such a short time, by so few!" 🙏



## Personal Proclamation: Media Outreach

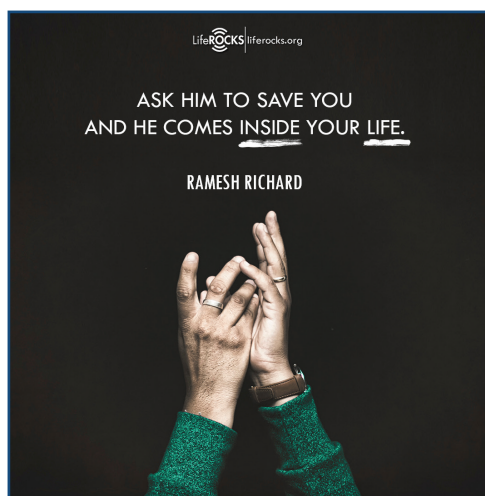
### "I Want to Be Free"

*Hello! I like this program and I learn many things. So I want to be free. What can I do?*

– D, unknown country, in response to a LifeRocks media outreach video

"D" is one of 2,550 people who have responded to one of Dr. Ramesh Richard's online LifeRocks media outreach messages this year.

RREACH's vision is to change the way One Billion Individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ. The content of Dr. Richard's short video talks allows people to hear about the Lord Jesus, while his style warmly invites them to think differently about Him. He crafts the messages to appeal to younger post-college, pre-marriage individuals who have a misshapen or even no frame of reference for Jesus Christ.



This year's theme of "Peace" challenges viewers to consider what peace really is and if searching for it really works.

Although they may look like simple, five- to seven-minute videos on the surface, beneath each are hours of prayer, research, preparation and post-production. We have updated our website, LifeRocks.org, with a newer, more visually appealing design that now includes interactive transcripts with each video. Anyone interested can initiate a discussion with an online counselor. The team is testing additional ideas for engaging pre-Christians with concepts about Jesus Christ that may be completely foreign to them.

To determine the effectiveness of LifeRocks.org, we use two key indicators: how many unique individuals visit and how many engage further by starting a dialogue about faith. In the period of January 1–July 31, 2018, LifeRocks had nearly 12,000 unique visitors. Approximately 20 percent of those (2,550) initiated conversation with an online counselor.

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# Biblical Proclamation: Pastoral Training

## Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors

The Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors continues to connect, unite and strengthen pastoral trainers and pastoral leaders around the world. We use a number of platforms to do this, including the GProCentral team—a group of 13 colleagues spread across eight nations and 11 time zones who are personally calling and connecting with thousands of trainers and pastors around the globe, including those ministering in difficult contexts.

For example, in the Middle East/North Africa region GProCentral is connecting with pastoral trainers and pastoral leaders in 15 countries. The response has been encouraging as our contacts begin to build bridges between countries to advance the work of the Church there.

“There is something in God’s heart for the Church in the Middle East,” said Pastor E, a GProCentral colleague in the Middle East. “What He is doing, actually, we cannot see right now. But we can see He is working for unity and is asking us as leaders to know each other and have fellowship with each other.

“This is what I am telling the pastors when I call, and they are saying ‘Yes. We believe this.’”

After many months of work, Pastor E now sometimes receives the unexpected response of, “We have been waiting for you to call!” when he reaches out to a new pastoral trainer or pastoral leader in this region. Further, there have been occasions when church leaders from this region have called Pastor E when they need to be connected in ministry, because they know the GProCommission seeks to help them, and they trust Pastor E’s character and sincerity.

In response to the trust that has been built there, more and more trainers of pastors in the Middle East are sharing details about their training efforts despite this being a somewhat sensitive and private topic in this culture.

To date, six countries in the Middle East/North Africa region have reported the training of 4,700 pastors and church leaders.

Globally, the GProCommission has received 881 training reports (some for single events, some comprising hundreds of events taking place throughout a year) indicating the training of 374,000 pastors and church leaders in 67 countries. Please continue to pray for the Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors and for those pastoral trainers and pastoral leaders we seek to connect, unite and strengthen. 🙏



“There is something in God’s heart for the Church in the Middle East...”

– Pastor E



Pastor E (2015 Dallas GPA graduate from Lebanon) explaining the GProCommission during a conference in North Africa



Pastor E meeting with pastoral trainers from North Africa, two of whom have participated in RREACH's national GPA program



# Global Proclamation: Pastoral Training

## National Global Proclamation Academies



### GPA Grenada



Pastor S (2015 Dallas GPA grad from St. Vincent and the Grenadines) teaching *Scripture Sculpture* at GPA Grenada

GPA Grenada took place in the mountains in the center of the island, “where God lives,” the locals say. About 400 churches serve the population of 110,000. Yet if the percentage of untrained pastors here falls in line with that of the rest of the world (around 95%), the majority of those churches are being led by well-meaning but unprepared pastors and are likely not healthy. The Global Proclamation Academy held July 12–22 helped address that issue by providing intensive training for 25 young pastors. Intentional follow-up efforts will help them implement what they have learned, as well as pass it along to others.

“I now have a clearer understanding and appreciation of pastors and God’s Word,” said one attendee. Another said, “This academy has taught me to slow down and put the work of God first. It has also given me a brand new way to view and structure sermons.”



### GPA Nigeria (Women)

In the country of Nigeria, spiritual training for women is not widely explored. The 29 women who gathered in Lagos, along the western coast of Africa, July 24–August 2, for RREACH’s second women’s national GPA grasped onto every word from the Master Coaches and longed for more time to learn from them. They also found in *Scripture Sculpture* a way to study God’s Word that they had never before experienced.

Although many of them came with deep burdens and struggles—one had had to flee her home and was living in a cave because of persecution—they put everything aside to focus during those precious 10 days. One woman said, “This is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I didn’t know that I had such potential. I have just discovered that through this academy.”



Nigeria hosting a second national GPA, this time for women



### GPA Republic of Congo



Pastor taking notes on preparing a sermon

“I was a real ignorant and good manipulator who had no good methodology and strategies for a good sermon. This training has come when I was going through hard times of not knowing how to do anything well. I now understand the art of preparing a sermon and that God is more concerned about my health as a pastor.”

This frank testimony came from one of 25 young pastors who gathered in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, West Africa, for a national GPA August 9–18, 2018. Many ministries have developed to meet needs in the country’s two main population centers—Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. However, most preach too-good-to-be-true messages, not biblically sound ones. GPA Republic of Congo taught attendees not only how to preach, but also how to study the Word of God. The delegates and staff have already held a follow-up meeting to fuel their faithfulness.

## “Ramesh on the Road:” A Staff Perspective



GPA Grenada held up in the mountains, “where God lives”

*Two RREACH staff members accompanied Dr. Richard on his recent trip to Grenada. This is their account of seeing Dr. Richard proclaim God’s Word “globally.”*

“Welcome from the Isle of Spice, where everything’s nice ... in Jesus Christ!” We heard that greeting each time Dr. Richard was introduced in Grenada, where RREACH was able to use many aspects of his proclamation gifting and calling.

When you step into a new country, or even a booming metroplex such as Dallas/Fort Worth, the numbers often overwhelm. How do you reach everyone in these highly populated places with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Grenada is no such huge place. The small West Indies island holds about 110,000 people, and local Christians see the nation as truly reachable. Dr. Richard’s speaking tour gave many current and upcoming faith leaders tools to reach the island.

### Strengthening Pastoral Leaders

We first stopped in the mountainous area of Morne Longue, where Dr. Richard spoke at the national GPA. Seeing GPA training happening in another country blessed us. We experienced firsthand God using the GPA process to intentionally multiply the proclamation locally. We met each of the pastors and heard their stories, as well as watched them receive graduation certificates recognizing their new capabilities to teach others Scripture Sculpture, Dr. Richard’s expository preaching method. They even wrote a reggae song of the method titled “Preach the Word!” The graduates plan to meet once a month to continue strengthening and encouraging one another, facilitated by coordinators appointed there.

GPA Grenada provided crucial training for a country where 60 percent of the population is younger than 25 and many are nominal Christians. Most of the attendees have entrée into the lives of those who represent Grenada’s future.

### Evangelizing Opinion Leaders

Next we saw Dr. Richard at work at a private pre-evangelistic dinner held in St. George’s. Believers brought their pre-salvation friends to hear the Good News. Half of the 80 guests were unbelievers, and five men (men alone!) professed new faith.

An unexpected fruit of this event was a waiter who approached Dr. Richard the next day. He had been running from the Lord, but because of that message, he was able to forgive a long-held vendetta against a person who had attended the dinner. Just one more example of life-change in a small island nation.

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Ramesh speaking to a pre-salvation audience in Grenada





Dr. Richard speaking to church leaders

## Reaching Large Numbers of Individuals

Dr. Richard then spoke at a Sunday morning service in one of their larger churches and at the evening service that brought people from churches scattered all around the island. National GPA grads also attended, giving testimonies of how the training affected them and singing their “Preach the Word” song. Many went home strengthened to preach God’s Word.

Dr. Richard also met with smaller groups with large influence. He had a 15-minute window to present God’s Word to the Grenadian Prime Minister’s cabinet. He left them each a small gift, a spiritual life notebook that we hope the Lord will use to direct their hearts to Himself. Dr. Richard is so thankful for such strategic opportunities to reach into the lives of opinion leaders, so that they might impact their communities and benefit their nations.

Finally, Dr. Richard taught a group of leaders, including two Grenadian Dallas GPA grads, a strategy for Christlike leadership that will affect their churches and, ultimately, the entire island of Grenada.

God engineered all these events through a connection made at the 2016 GProCongress in Bangkok, Thailand. A colleague of Dr. Richard brought Rev. John Lewis of the Grenada Institute for Theological Education (GITE) to the Congress, where he began to envision doing more to train pastors in the Caribbean. He remembers approaching Dr. Richard toward the end of the Congress, telling him he would like to do GProCommission pastoral training in the Caribbean. Dr. Richard told him, “Go for it!” So he did!

The Global Proclamation Commission seeks to perpetuate spiritual health worldwide, change erroneous perceptions of Christianity, and ensure healthier local church leadership. Mission accomplished in Grenada! Big things are happening for the Kingdom of God there. Join us in praying that the truth of God’s love will stretch throughout and impact each person on this beautiful isle of spice.

## More observations from accompanying Dr. Richard on a ministry trip:

- 🌐 God doesn’t just use the parts of the trip you expect him to use, and He shows Himself in people you don’t expect Him to show Himself.
- 🌐 God’s message transcends geography, culture and language. It is for all people.
- 🌐 The Holy Spirit binds believers—especially considering how many different kinds of people and cultures there are—in incomprehensible ways.
- 🌐 There is so much love from God to have His Church exist in any geographical location, such as Costa Rica.
- 🌐 Pastors come in all shapes, sizes, colors, personalities, skills, talents, preferences, hair lengths(!) and more.
- 🌐 Dr. Richard is most “at home” when speaking/preaching/teaching. Proclamation is where he is most effective.
- 🌐 Dr. Richard likes to use every opportunity to encourage himself and others to learn.
- 🌐 It’s amazing not only the impact Dr. Richard has when he travels, but also that he ensures that a follow-up/continuation infrastructure is in place.
- 🌐 Dr. Richard greeted every table after his pre-evangelistic talk at the Costa Rica Country Club dinner event.
- 🌐 We cannot overestimate the value of praying for Dr. Richard.

We receive reports on these dialogues every month and get a glimpse of the perspectives of these pre-Christians. For example:

- Is peace possible? Without war?? – SB, Nepal
- How do I pray for a perfect forgiveness and receive answers to my prayers to God? – A, Nigeria
- I have recently found faith and accepted Christ. I came upon this webpage while researching the name Life Rocks for a project ... Amazing things are happening to me that have no other explanation and I love it. Look forward to any future dialogue ... MG, USA

Please pray that God will use LifeRocks to change the way large numbers of individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus Christ. 🙏

## Did You Know?

Each Dallas and national GPA launches a new cohort of young pastoral leaders better trained to live, think and preach biblically and who are multiplying what they have received. Take a look at some of what's happening!

- Pastor D (Niger) 2018 – traveling to Chad to train pastors in Scripture Sculpture
- Pastors S (Uganda) 2018, P (Liberia) 2007, F (Malawi) 2008, J (Rwanda) 2013, and A (Nepal) 2014 – training pastors in recent months in addition to their regular church ministry
- Pastor S (Cambodia) 2014 – persevering in follow-up, a key element of GProCommission pastoral training, which is hard because many of those he trains don't have electronic means of communication
- GPA Thailand – preparing for their fourth national GPA (they have already trained 70 pastors)

## Global Prayer Commission (GPrayCommission)

You prayed. God answered.

### 1. PRAYER

Visa for Dr. Richard to enter Venezuela to minister to pastors

#### ANSWER

- ✚ Dr. Richard hoped to go to Venezuela in late July, but God chose not to allow a visa to be granted to him. The weekend he was to be there, an alleged assassination attempt on the Venezuelan president caused greatly increased restrictions. Dr. Richard was glad not to be caught in the country at that time. At the time of writing, Venezuela has suspended processing of all entry visas related to religious activity. We pray and wait for God's good timing.

### 2. PRAYER

Increased personal proclamation opportunities for Dr. Richard

#### ANSWER

- ✚ A "full complement" of proclamation engagements in Grenada—national GPA, evangelistic event, two church services, a pastors conference, a meeting with cabinet members of the Grenadian government, and multiple one-on-one opportunities
- ✚ Three speaking engagements in Dallas over the summer
- ✚ A Summit for Bhutanese-Nepalese young adults
- ✚ A full fall schedule of engagements in Costa Rica, South Asia, Japan, the Philippines and the U.S.

### 3. PRAYER

God's direction in placing Dallas GPA delegates with host families


#### ANSWER

- ✚ Pastor T's seven-year-old son has many health challenges; one of his U.S. host families had two special needs children. He felt deeply encouraged by spending time with that family.
- ✚ Pastor J hadn't seen his parents in five years; one of his host families was of the same generation as his parents and he felt cherished by them as a son. 🙏








Please pray for/about the following...

## NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>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 <a href="mailto:melissa@rreach.org">melissa@rreach.org</a> and let us pray for you!</b>				<b>1</b> Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	<b>2</b> Pastors selected to be Global Proclamation Associates to preach the Word "in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2)	<b>3</b> Wisdom in selecting candidates for the 2019 Dallas GPA
<b>4</b> Creativity, Christlikeness and capacity as Dr. Richard balances many responsibilities	<b>5</b> The Lord to strengthen and encourage everyone who supports Dr. Richard and RREACH	<b>6</b> Pastoral trainers to see God work mightily as they labor to do more and better pastoral training	<b>7</b> LifeRocks talks to change the way large numbers of individuals think and hear about the Lord Jesus	<b>8</b> Churches to partner with Dr. Richard's ministry	<b>9</b> Effective follow-up to Dallas and national GPAs and the GProCongress	<b>10</b> RREACH staff and ministry teams to serve with love, unity and enthusiasm
<b>11</b> At least five candidates from new countries for the 2019 Dallas GPA	<b>12</b> Good communication between RREACH office staff and those working remotely	<b>13</b> Ways to distribute Dr. Richard's books/talks/resources so more people can benefit	<b>14</b> Dallas and national GPA graduates to remain connected, united and strengthened beyond the GPAs	<b>15</b> Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	<b>16</b> Plans for national GPAs in 2019 to come together	<b>17</b> The Holy Spirit to use Dr. Richard as he speaks in a church tomorrow
<b>18</b> Dedicated time for Dr. Richard to prepare talks and write	<b>19</b> Encouragement for the GProCommission colleagues who are encouraging pastoral trainers	<b>20</b> Dr. Richard and the RREACH staff to be invigorated in their service	<b>21</b> Praise for the many people God uses to encourage Dr. Richard and RREACH	<b>22</b> For Dr. Richard to be able to spend less time on administration and more time on message creation	<b>23</b> Dr. Richard's LifeRocks messages to reach unreached people	<b>24</b> Dallas and national GPA graduates to be blessed as they pass their training along to others
<b>25</b> Wisdom and capacity in curating pastoral training resources for GProLearning.org	<b>26</b> God to be glorified and His Kingdom strengthened through all RREACH communication efforts	<b>27</b> The Lord's guidance in scheduling Master Coaches for the 2019 Dallas GPA	<b>28</b> Good attendance and open hearts and minds at upcoming pre-evangelistic events	<b>29</b> GProCommission-affiliated pastoral training organizations to reach their training objectives for the year	<b>30</b> Vision, understanding and diligence for the RREACH Board of Directors	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy

## DECEMBER 2018

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					GProCommission= Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors	<b>1</b> Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life
<b>2</b> Ongoing vision, energy and connections for the 1700+ pastors who have graduated from national GPAs	<b>3</b> Those who have heard about the Lord Jesus through Dr. Richard to choose to follow Him	<b>4</b> Peace and hope for pastors and pastoral trainers serving in many different circumstances	<b>5</b> Provision and protection as Dr. Richard embarks on another ministry trip to Asia	<b>6</b> Many lives to be eternally changed by the Lord's work through Dr. Richard	<b>7</b> Applications from the best young pastors for the 2019 Dallas GPA	<b>8</b> Good preparations for national GPAs to be held in 2019
<b>9</b> Wise management of human and financial resources	<b>10</b> God's leading during Dr. Richard's ministry trip in South Asia	<b>11</b> Greater collaborations between formal and non-formal pastoral training initiatives	<b>12</b> Translation of Dr. Richard's materials into other languages	<b>13</b> Discernment for Dr. Richard in evaluating invitations to speak	<b>14</b> Timely provision of all RREACH ministry needs	<b>15</b> Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life
<b>16</b> Continuing opportunities for Dr. Richard to meet and influence pre-Christian opinion leaders	<b>17</b> National GPAs in 2019 to be well-organized and attended	<b>18</b> God's direction of candidate selection for the 2019 Dallas GPA	<b>19</b> Provision of all RREACH ministry needs	<b>20</b> A spirit of trust and encouragement among RREACH staff	<b>21</b> Pastoral training organizations to avail themselves of GProCommission connection opportunities	<b>22</b> The right 25 pastors to attend the Dallas GPA and each national GPA in 2019
<b>23</b> New initiatives on the LifeRocks site to attract pre-Christians	<b>24</b> Many to trust and grow in the Lord Jesus through the ministry of Dallas and national GPA graduates	<b>25</b> Praise God for sending His Son to this forlorn world	<b>26</b> Those who have heard Dr. Richard proclaim the Lord Jesus to choose to follow Him	<b>27</b> The Lord's rich blessing on Dr. and Mrs. Richard as they celebrate their wedding anniversary	<b>28</b> Protection over Dallas and national GPA graduates in dangerous situations	<b>29</b> Energy, enthusiasm and expression for whatever times Dr. Richard gets to write
<b>30</b> Encouragement as GProCommission colleagues connect, unite and strengthen pastoral trainers globally	<b>31</b> Remembrance of God's goodness and renewed vigor to serve in 2019					



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## ➤ “Lessons I am Learning From the LORD” by D. John Richard

### 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

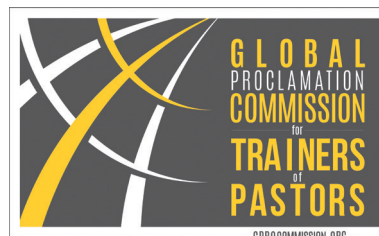
We accelerate our global impact by the wise use and mix  
of personal proclamation, media outreach, and ministry  
training to evangelize opinion leaders, strengthen pastoral  
leaders, and reach large numbers of individuals,  
especially of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

### 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



Earlier this year, 2017 Dallas GPA  
graduate Pastor R from Uganda reached  
out to RREACH staff with his vision of  
putting together a marriage ministry, a true  
need among his people. We posted a plea  
on Facebook for someone with experience  
in marriage ministry to help Pastor R.

Not long before this, one of those staff members had met Dr. Richard's  
friend and colleague Dr. Rich Frazer while he was serving as a Master  
Coach at GPA Grenada. After the GPA, Dr. Frazer saw our Facebook plea  
on Pastor R's behalf. Dr. Frazer's pastoral training ministry includes marriage  
and family, and he offered to reach out to Pastor R. Not only that, but also  
because of the Lord's perfect timing, Dr. Frazer was actually scheduled to be  
in Uganda a couple of days later. He and Pastor R connected right away to  
brainstorm about the vision for strengthening marriages in Uganda.

From Dallas to Grenada to Uganda—and in cyberspace—the Lord is using  
RREACH to connect, unite and strengthen pastoral leaders for the health of  
the church worldwide! Thank you for helping make this possible.