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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.*

Your First Name (and my One Word) for the New Year



"It's not about you!" opens a famous book in recent North American Christianity. There's even an entire book by that title, and a song, too, to keep us from a selfish orientation in life and ministry.

I read that phrase in Zambia on the back of a bus, only it had additional clarification, "It's not about

you; it's about Allah."

Our "it's about me" cultures evidence a penchant generated by the selfishness of the heart. Selfish love destroys relationships, even the very self it excessively loves.

Evidence for egotism is found everywhere in open and subtle ways. "We call them selfies," someone noted, "because narcissism is too difficult to spell." Another chided her friend, "Do not touch MY iPhone. It's not an usPhone, it's not a wePhone, it's not an ourPhone, it's an iPhone." Or the man who bemoaned, "I cannot use my daughter's iPhone, my son's iPad, and the wife's iPod, even though 'iPaid' for all of them."

But if my life, actions and opportunities are not about me, why should I take responsibility for them? Why shouldn't I yield to a fatalistic "whatever will be, will be"? At the same time, how can I keep from self-importance? How can I diminish the egotistical "I" without dispensing with the psychological "I"?

Monotheistic religions—whether Judaism, Christianity or Islam—share the principle that "it's not about us; it's about God."

So what differentiates Christian belief? What distinguishes biblical conviction from other religions?

Christian Belief Changes Our First Name

We need a new, true and spiritual first name. *About* is not a good description to precede my given names. If I fill out application forms thinking my real first name is *about*, then I make everything all about me, which of course is not only prideful—and the point where God instinctively and immediately opposes me—it is also stupid. Pride makes me take on God, and that is one contest I am bound to lose, even though every inner fiber cheers for the underdog.

For biblical perspective in life, theological principle in reality, and practical participation in ministry, I'd like to change your first name from the selfish *about* to another preposition.

You know prepositions, right? Those little words with large influence in linguistic communication? For a guy for whom

English used to be a second language, talking about English grammar is rather ironic. When my grammar teacher asked me to name two pronouns, I replied, "Who, me?" Actually, it was Greek grammar at seminary that gave me appreciation for English grammar, or any grammar at all. We use grammar all the time in effective communication.¹

Explicitly found in most Indo-European languages, prepositions may occur implicitly in non-Germanic languages. For example, in Tamil (my mother tongue is the oldest continuously spoken language in the world), speakers sometimes combine noun, verb, preposition and innuendo in one 13- or 14-syllable word. We cannot communicate without prepositions.

Prepositions serve as connectors, or better, relaters. They are literally pre-positioned to express relationship between two or more words to convey meaning. Count the English prepositions in this paragraph to note their influence. Prepositions are critically important for meaning but usually insignificant in size. They are inadequate in themselves but not incompetent to provide meaning.

So I am going to suggest a new and true spiritual first name for you and me.² I am picking a favorite prepositional distinctive for any Christian, whether serving at home, school or work.

This prepositional first name is biblically based, theologically appropriate and practically empowering. I dare say that this alternate preposition is not only descriptive but also prescriptive—of what we really are and who we may become:

Through.

Through distinguishes Christian convictions about reality from other generic beliefs. It's not about you, me or us; it's *through* you, me and us.

I don't usually, foolishly, selfishly think that life and ministry, let alone all reality, is about me. Yet that humility too (sometimes false) can become an errant cultural peculiarity, a reticence in taking responsibility for my life, actions and opportunities.

The biblical-theological-practical stance is life and ministry *through* me.

Biblical Conviction Acknowledges Necessity and Powerlessness

Through is a marker of instrumentality. We are the means by which God's plans are accomplished. We are neither the source nor the cause of any ministry. Much like a writing instrument, we meet the criterion of instrumental necessity. A pen may be beautiful, valuable and strategic, but it has no writing power. It causes nothing. It uniquely and briefly meets an instrumental condition when the author picks it up for use.

¹You might enjoy my "Salvation Grammar" article for the importance of prepositions. Feel free to request a link from ramesh@rreach.org. This devotional could have been titled "Ministry Grammar!"

²In the process, as is my New Year habit, I am revealing the "one word" for RREACH and myself in 2019. Previous words include *kneel*, *bondsman*, *exceed* and *deliver*. You may again request the "One Word for the New Year" rationale by emailing me for a link.

If a pen I want to use is not clean, filled or available, I simply go to one that is! A particular pen might be necessary but not indispensable. Similarly, we must be filled and available, clean and useable to critically, but contingently, fulfill the prepositional *through* for the God *about* whom all reality is!

Nowhere in life are instrumental necessity and powerlessness more discernible than in the gift of a leadership role. I must extract and interpret reality for the people I serve as leader. I must inspire followers with clarity and implement with charity. I must personify what I lead others to do. I must endure the ups and downs, even the death and resurrection cycles, of ministry leadership.

Did you notice the leadership *musts* showing instrumental necessity? And yet I am powerless when facing the ambiguity, loneliness and complexity that accompany leadership. I may be valuable and strategic to God's economy, and I must concern myself with spiritual readiness, willingness and availability for any instrumentally strategic role He calls me to fulfill in serving His purposes.

Before you give up on your hard task of instrumentally fulfilling God's role in an unknowable and unknown New Year, I point you to another nuance for *through*: efficient cause.

I mentioned earlier that we are powerless by *ourselves* as instruments. Here's amazing news for your responsibilities and responsiveness from the Apostle Paul's declaration: "I can do all things through the One who strengthens me."³

A positive-thinker preacher once cited this verse, saying, "As Paul says, 'I can do all things.'" But Paul does not finish his sentence midway. He emphasizes the One who empowers his abilities. His instrumental necessity is sufficiently found in Christ as the efficient cause of his abilities in life and ministry—*through* the One who continually strengthens him.

I remember expecting 700 pastoral leaders for a pastors' week in Ethiopia, only to be surprised by 1,100 of them eagerly awaiting the start of the conference. Instead of rejoicing at this unexpected success, I silently complained to God from behind the pulpit about having to quickly host a third more of His servants. Bad prayer! He gently told me, "Ramesh, if you don't want to do this, let Me know. I'll go with someone else."

"Not so soon, Lord," I quietly replied. I finished the opening talk and headed back to my room in a dilapidated hotel. I struggled with the added financial burden of this apparent success until the next morning when I found out that my fine translator had been to prison seven times for Jesus. And God said, "This faithful man has been humiliated for following Me but exuberantly serves with you and Me. Would you be humble enough to call a few people about this unusual and wonderful challenge?"

The Lord did provide for the incredible event, but not before helping me frame another particular question that has since helped many a Christian servant-leader. This query by God to you and me significantly reduces the tension between divine sovereignty (it's *about* Him) and human responsibility (it's *through* me).

God tenderly asked, "Ramesh, will you let Me do through you what I lead you to do for the world?" I let each word of that inner probe sink in as I penned it in my composition notebook. Every word in that question is loaded, and its two parts reveal both empowerment and restraint. "Will you let Me do *through* you" emphasizes His sufficiency for my instrumental role; "what I lead you to do for the world" underscores His sovereignty over that role, internally restraining me from unhealthy ministry practice.

I can't just think up stuff to do. I must first and continuously consult with Him, and then must serve as His strategic instrument by His continuous enablement. Will I seek His sufficiency? Will I submit to His sovereignty in a necessary instrumental role for His eternal plans?

So there you go with a new first name and my one word for the New Year. Would you pre-position *through* in front of your name, not in formal context nor in mere symbolism, but in deep conviction?

It's not *about* me nor *by*⁴ me, but it's *through* me. Or, as my late mentor Fred Smith, Sr., said far more succinctly and memorably, "We are not the pump, just the pipe."

Happy New Name and New Word for your New Year. Tear out this page if you wish, write your information, sign it with your heart, place it in your Bible, and let me know you did! 📄

THROUGH

(new first name)

(Write given names in upper case block letters, as in a government issued document. ☺)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

³Phil 4:13, I am suggesting to friends a practice I recommended to my family. Set your phone alarm to 4:13 p.m. (a.m. is fine too!) as a reminder of this astonishing truth-resource.

⁴Greek words (and phrases) are translated "through" with various meanings. For those who like these kinds of nuances, I am concentrating on "*dia* with the genitive and/or accusative" as means (*through*) more so than agency (*by*) as well as "*en*" with the dative case. Exegesis rules theology, but exegetical options are infused by theology, especially because of the wide semantic range available in English.

Personal Proclamation: Vagabondslave

On Dr. Ramesh Richard's latest ministry trip, a two-week, six-country stint through Asia, RREACH staff began receiving email from him when he reached his first destination, about 1:30 a.m. there.

"Isn't it the middle of the night for you?" one staffer queried.

"Yes, it is middle of the night here, but for me it's mid-afternoon," he wrote back. "Therein lies the challenge. I am now having to prepare for tomorrow [a major pre-evangelistic event for at least 500, more than 50 percent of them opinion leaders]."

Such is the reality of life for this Vagabondslave—changing clock settings, countries, cuisines, cultures. But despite the many things that change, two remain constant: the need to proclaim his Lord Jesus and His calling to proclaim God's Word.

The evangelistic event for which Ramesh prepared in the middle of the night turned out to be one of his richest ministry experiences. Organized by a businessman in the city where Ramesh grew up, it followed the format of what is popularly known as "TED talks"—short, powerful talks designed to spread ideas. Two-hundred-fifty believers brought 350 pre-Christ colleagues and friends to hear seven 20-minute talks from first-generation followers of the Lord Jesus.

One of Dr. Richard's close friends (and a fellow speaker at the event) brought his 84-year-old father, a lifelong devotee of the nation's major religion. Ramesh hosted a childhood friend who recently lost his wife.

Dr. Richard wrapped up the event with a 30-minute talk, after which 38 individuals, including his friend, made first-time written responses of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Savior. This number represented a

large percentage of individuals shifting allegiance from prior belief systems. The likelihood of these individuals embracing Jesus is about equal to the chance that a Christ-believer would become a Hindu, Muslim or atheist!

The next day Ramesh was to speak in another city at the fastest-growing church in the world. A couple of days prior, the pastor contacted him with a request: Would he speak on "the problem of evil"? Ramesh quickly made the switch, but he did not feel comfortable with how the message was coming together with the translator. "The Lord will guide," the pastor assured him.

Indeed, 10 minutes prior to the

organization, provided a testing ground for future collaboration.

It would be almost abnormal for this Vagabondslave update not to include an airplane conversion story. So here is one to rejoice over: During one of his seven flights on the Asia trip, Dr. Richard met an actor from Hollywood. Out of the blue, the young man asked, "What is the secret to life?" Ramesh put aside whatever he was working on (because he never wastes a moment) to converse. After their discussion, the young man expressed a welcome to the Lord Jesus.

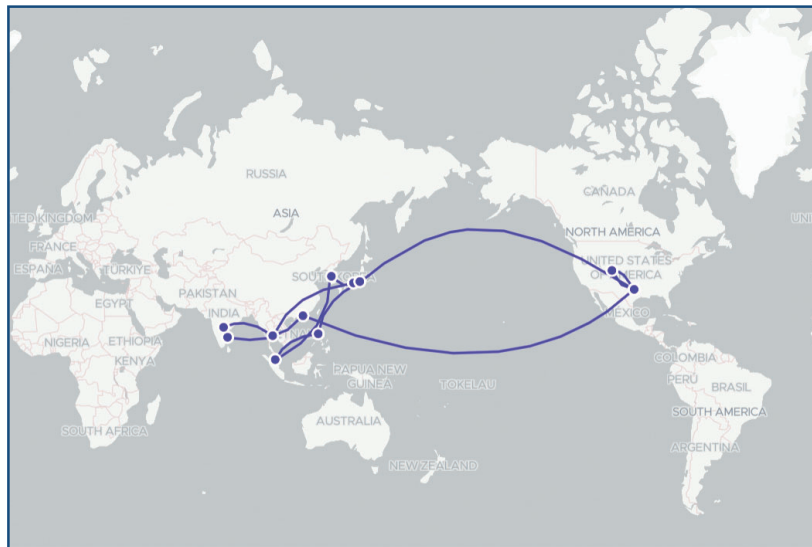
Dr. Richard came back from that trip internally energized—a blessing as he soon headed into an intensive week with the President's Global Proclamation Associates, a newly formed group of Dallas Global Proclamation Academy graduates from around the globe selected to represent him in pastoral training opportunities (see page 9 for more about this next step in his ministry).

At the end of the week, one pastor said of their time, "The Holy Spirit impresses me about how doable this is; we can do this together!"

Straightaway after those dynamic days,

Ramesh joined the RREACH board for a retreat during which they discussed organizational succession.

With all this stimulating ministry and fellowship, his spirit rejoices in God and his mind buzzes with more ideas. Please keep praying for this Vagabondslave in the proclamation of God's Word globally and the multiplication of proclaimers locally. 🙏



Ramesh's 2018 fourth-quarter travels

sermon, God gave him a breakthrough in the approach. He was able to speak with the confidence of the Lord to the crowd of over 20,000 young-in-faith believers on a supremely challenging topic.

In the days that followed, locally organized gatherings of pastoral trainers in Japan and the Philippines under the Global Proclamation Commission "brand" revealed the expanding influence of the 2016 Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers. The coordination of the GProCommission gathering in the Philippines with the vibrant national branch of TOPIC (Trainers of Pastors International Coalition), a fraternal





While in the Philippines Dr. Richard ran into Pastor D (2017 Dallas GPA grad), who posted on social media, “So inspired and honored by this humble servant of God, Dr. Ramesh Richard!”



Pastor J (2006 Dallas GPA grad, content curator for GProLearning, and Ramesh Richard's GProAssociate) wrote, “Serving with my life mentor Dr. Ramesh and fellow Asian Access leader Takeshi Takazawa. These are precious moments that I will treasure for life. Thank you for your lives.”



Personal Proclamation: Media Outreach



“Simple but effective...” Pastor R from Nepal

We are excited about RREACH's newest video podcast, PastorReach. This weekly mentoring media digest created for pastors and church leaders launched October 1, 2018, and in its first month, over 1,500 Facebook followers connected with it. Men and women from all over the world send in their questions about ministry. Dr. Richard answers one question each week.

The most recent video, called “How long does it take to prepare a sermon?”, had over 2,000 views. You might be surprised at the answer! Dr. Richard has also addressed questions about how to find a mentor and if a person can simultaneously be a sinner and a saint.

Pastors all over the world have been requesting to hear more from Dr. Richard. Now they can learn from him through **PastorReach.org** or follow on Facebook at **facebook.com/PastorReach**. You're welcome to check it out, too! 🙌

Global Proclamation: Pastoral Training (August – October 2018)

Global Proclamation Academies inside nations



GPA Ecuador



Ecuadorian pastors praying for one another

The connecting, uniting and strengthening experience of a national Global Proclamation Academy proved transformative again for the 24 young Ecuadorian pastors August 16–25 who gathered along the coast of their beautiful country on South America's western side.

They found Scripture Sculpture, Ramesh Richard's seven-step method for expository preaching, "a useful and powerful tool to better every pastor, no matter their background or study level." Sharing their life and ministry testimonies and praying together encouraged each deeply.

"We cannot repay what you have taught us this week," many said, "but thank you for the impact you have sown in our lives."



GPA Undisclosed

A whopping 37 young pastors inside a restricted Asian country met September 6–15 for a national GPA. They were willing to sleep on the floor and share the use of three bathrooms. One traveled 2,000 kilometers to attend. "This national GPA releases me from the fear of preaching heresies, since it helps me to know a right way to prepare my sermon and preach it biblically," he said.

Others began to appreciate God's call on them to preach His Word, seeing it as a privilege. They all agreed that they needed Scripture Sculpture teaching "years ago" and want Dr. Richard to come to their country.

Two Dallas GPA graduates taught expository preaching and three in-country leaders served as Master Coaches, teaching on spiritual formation, marriage and family, and pastoral care.



Pastors eagerly learning how to prepare sermons biblically



GPA Chile



Pastors in Chile learning to preach and live biblically

Twenty-six pastors serving local churches in beautiful Chile are now better equipped to preach biblically because of the national GPA held there September 27–October 5. "For me it was a really great time to have one week studying and learning about preaching full-time," said Pastor R. "Thanks a lot!" Pastor C said. He went on, "This academy has actually made me be more careful before I preach. I must study the Bible text more deeply in all details."

As in many other countries, the GPA vision of uniting pastors to preach and live biblically brought new experiences in crossing church and denominational lines that attendees plan to maintain. They are also excited to be part of God's plan in their nation and around the world as part of the larger GPA family.

GPA Central African Republic



Pastors eagerly learning how to prepare sermons biblically

At first, accomplishing a GPA in Central African Republic seemed out of reach. In addition to financial issues (CAR ties with Burundi for the world's lowest gross domestic product per capita), enlisting pastors from across the country and across denominational lines seemed impossible. But the funds arrived and so did pastors—26 of them—from all over CAR and from different denominations, meeting from August 23 to September 1.

The young men eagerly soaked up the teaching on preaching and living biblically. “I have been used to using two hours to preach the sermon without a purpose,” one said. Another said, “I will live out the seven steps during my family devotion time ... to the extent that even my children will be able to say, ‘Dad is a pastor who preaches expository sermons and lives out the biblical message.’”

GPA Guyana

The electricity faltered, and water cut off for a few days, but the 23 pastors at GPA Guyana kept connecting, uniting and strengthening. “I don’t know how to express it, but I am happy for all the sermons and the teaching,” said Pastor J.

The almost 20-year age span across the group led to special bonding as older pastors shepherded younger ones. Pastor J (21) said, “This experience has instilled in me the importance of relationships and connections with others in ministry, men especially.”

An even younger pastor (19) said, “A lasting Academy impact is beginning to see where I was in preparing my sermons and where I need to be. It is one of the standards that God expects of me and what my audience deserves from me.”



Learning outside due to electricity being off

GPA The Gambia



Pastor S (2018 Dallas GPA grad) hosting a GPA in his own country

“I always thought I knew and understood the Bible,” said Pastor A. “But when I started the GPA program, I came to realize that I knew nothing and that I was misleading people with wrong messages.”

GPA The Gambia’s influence extended beyond its 32 participants. The pre-Christian owner of their hotel kindly adjusted rates so they could hold the academy there. The pastors surprised him by voluntarily undertaking painting projects. Hotel guests favorably noted this unusual group of young men working together to help the community, and the owner has now hung a picture of their GPA banner on the walls to honor their contribution.

“This GPA has inspired every part of my life,” said Pastor R. “Looking at a man with a great vision like this (RREACH), I’m motivated to go anywhere for the Lord.”

Biblical Proclamation: Pastoral Training

Global Proclamation Commission for Trainers of Pastors

“Today I talked to Pastor L. He attended a national GPA (nGPA) a year ago, and this changed his life. He was a police officer, and because of Dr. Ramesh’s vision and passion for ministry he decided to be a full-time pastor. He has been one for 10 months! He was so encouraged by the call and the care of Dr. Ramesh’s ministry of taking care of pastors.”



GPA DR Congo took place in January 2018. Since then, this class has been very active in continuing to connect together. In this photo DR Congo graduate Pastor N (center with yellow tie) was invited to speak at a conference, and his nGPA classmates attended to support and encourage him.

In September of 2018, the GProCommission added a component to its follow-up effort, focusing on connecting with graduates from the 81 Global Proclamation Academies inside nations that have occurred from 2011 to date.

The goal of the follow-up is twofold: to extend Dr. Richard’s care and encouragement to these pastors and to support their connection with one another.

GProCentral colleagues (18 RREACH staff spread across nine nations and time zones who speak 10-plus languages and directly communicate with pastors and trainers of pastors and receive reports on training activities) are reaching out to some of the most active graduates from each class, building relationships, and encouraging those graduates to, in turn, connect with specific classmates and extend Ramesh’s greetings to them.

The response has been so heartening. God, in His grace, has affirmed the work with stories like the following, which was shared by one of our GProCentral colleagues calling Latin American countries.

“Pastor L shared that he was having a hard day today...very discouraged. His wife has been fighting with depression, so some days are hard. He prayed this morning that God could show him that he is not alone. He shared how this call from us just shows him how God is always there, and He hears our prayer and our heart!”

Whether nGPA graduates hear directly from our team or from their cohort members, who pass along our greetings and encouragement, they respond with thanksgiving.

One nGPA graduate from Argentina told his classmate, “I’m very happy that you are calling me. I’m very happy that (RREACH) wants us to be together even though we may not see each other. Tell me what we can do to keep us together as a group.”

Hearing how nGPA graduates are using their training is also uplifting. One grad from an undisclosed country under fierce persecution said he is preparing to teach Dr. Richard’s Scripture Sculpture method of expository preaching to other pastors there.

Aside from the anecdotes we’ve received from the nGPA grads, who are excited to share what God is doing in their ministries, we’ve also documented that 88 percent are still connecting regularly. In fact, GPA Senegal graduates reported that they speak with and pray for one another daily via a text-messaging app, and they also meet in person quite often.

In those cases where a national GPA cohort has fallen out of touch, we find cheer that some within each group are excited to start planting new seeds of ministry collaboration and support. 🌱

Did You Know?

- 🌐 nGPA stands for “national” GPA – a Global Proclamation Academy held inside a nation.
- 🌐 GPro [not GoPro!] is a short form for “Global Proclamation.”
- 🌐 Pastor L (2006 Dallas GPA, Ethiopia) has trained people who have never graduated from anything before.
- 🌐 Pastor S (2015 Dallas GPA, St. Vincent and the Grenadines) is training the pastor who led him to Christ.
- 🌐 Pastor R (2011 Dallas GPA, Mexico) pastors the fastest-growing evangelical church in Mexico—in a remote area.
- 🌐 Pastor J (2007 Dallas GPA, Panama) does evangelistic outreach in schools, and administrators want them to keep coming back.
- 🌐 Pastor N (2013 Dallas GPA, Serbia) reports that there are more drug addicts than born-again believers in Serbia.
- 🌐 None of the GPA Undisclosed delegates had education beyond ninth grade.
- 🌐 Pastor R went to the GProCongress and was so inspired he returned to Brazil and started a ThM program. The first class is set to graduate next year.

The President's Global Proclamation Associates

"I see before me 'men symbolic of things to come.'" (Zechariah 3:8)

So said Pastor Dr. Jason, Dallas GPA 2006 graduate from the Philippines, about the 24 younger pastoral leaders and trainers who joined him to be authorized as the President's Global Proclamation Associates (GProAssociates) October 28 through November 2 in Dallas, Texas. These GProAssociates, from 25 different countries and representing all of the world's major regions, have been selected from the best of Dallas GPA graduates from 2005 through 2017. They will serve a vital role in Dr. Ramesh Richard's ministry succession plan.

Dr. Richard strategically crafted this new initiative around the vision to promote the Lord Jesus Christ to large numbers of individuals by strengthening pastoral leaders worldwide. He has long pointed out the need for effective pastoral training, noting that pastoral health affects church health, and church health affects societal health.



Pastor Paye (2007 Dallas GPA grad from Liberia) giving his ministry update

countries using their new resources and connections. RREACH board members joined them for closing communion and prayer and witnessed each associate sign an annual, renewable commitment to train pastoral leaders in their own nations and beyond by preaching God's Word.

The President's GProAssociates are considered to be counterparts, authorized extensions of RREACH who represent Dr. Richard as they train leaders in biblical preaching and pastoral ministry, both by example and by instruction.

We look forward to watching the Lord Jesus move these "surrogates" of Ramesh Richard into every part of the world, proclaiming God's Word and teaching others to proclaim God's Word. Truly men "symbolic of things to come." 🌍

Dr. Richard invited the newly appointed GProAssociates to Dallas Theological Seminary for five days of prayer and planning. They reviewed GPA's seven-step expository preaching method and looked more in-depth at RREACH's history and the ministries that have sprung from it. Along the way, they developed new relationships and reconnected friendships across more than a decade of Dallas GPA cohorts.

Ministry updates provided glimpses into each other's lives and further ignited shared passions. Pastor Zifus, Dallas GPA 2017 graduate from St. Lucia, said this exposure challenged him to train more. Table group times allowed groups of six or seven to brainstorm how to train pastoral leaders in biblical preaching in multiple contexts and through various challenges.

By the end of their five days together, each GProAssociate had carefully planned out pastoral trainings for their respective



Pastor Nenad (2013 Dallas GPA grad) sharing about the ministry in Serbia

2019 President's Global Proclamation Associates


Josue A - Benin	Negross M - South Africa	Nenad R - Serbia
Daniel C - Peru	Paye M - Liberia	Manrique S - Costa Rica
Lemma D - Ethiopia	Manassé N - Burundi	Jonathan S - Fiji
Vijonet D - Haiti	Zefjan N - Albania	Somnang S - Cambodia
Shakika F - St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Felix N - Malawi	Rolando T - Mexico
Robert G - South Africa	Samuel O - Nigeria	Jason T - Philippines
Zifus J - St. Lucia	Radu O - Romania	Serge-Armand Y - Côte d'Ivoire
Rodrigo J - Brazil	Hudus P - Indonesia	
Amartuvshin L - Mongolia	José P - Panama	

Also invited but unable to join for governmental and organizational reasons:

James B - Democratic Republic of Congo, Yem C - Cuba, Ali K - Lebanon, Jean-Baptiste N - Burundi, and Robby R - USA.





JANUARY 2019

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 New opportunities for Dr. Richard to speak to opinion leaders about the Lord Jesus	3 God to provide all the funding needed for RREACH to carry out its ministry	4 Wisdom to administer tangible help to pastors' families through ENLARGE	5 Colleagues, especially in Asia, to join the GProCommission team
6 Guidance in every engagement and appointment Dr. Richard has	7 Nominations of pastors to the Dallas GPA from at least five new countries	8 LifeRocks videos and other resources to reach people in geographically closed regions	9 Travel mercies for Dr. Richard	10 GPA Solomon Islands 1/10-20: Pray that 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	11 Pastoral trainers to see God work mightily as they labor to do more and better pastoral training	12 The Lord to speak powerfully through Dr. Richard
13 Dallas and national GPA graduates to preach, live and think biblically	14 Protection for pastors and families serving amid danger	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Good preparation for a Global Proclamation Advocates meeting in March	17 Energy and joy as the RREACH staff serves	18 Dr. Richard's relationships with pre-Christian friends to deepen and draw them to the Lord Jesus	19 Praise for the travel mercies Ramesh has experienced; pray for continued favor
20 Clear vision, fresh energy and enduring connections for GPA Solomon Islands graduates as they return home	21 Applications from outstanding young pastoral leaders for the 2019 Dallas GPA	22 God's hand to be on local coordinators of events where Dr. Richard speaks	23 Dr. Richard's short PastorReach videos to encourage pastoral leaders around the world	24 God to open many minds and hearts through LifeRocks messages	25 Opportunities and funding to hold national GPAs in 25 different countries in 2019	26 Dr. Richard as he begins a new semester at Dallas Seminary
27 Translation of Dr. Richard's materials for the benefit of pastors and believers of many different languages	28 Collaboration with other pastoral training organizations	29 Good attendance at pre-evangelistic events	30 God's hand on Dr. Richard as he speaks in DTS chapel	31 Pastoral trainers to be connected, united and strengthened through GProCommission efforts	GProCommission=Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Trainers	DTS=Dallas Theological Seminary


FEBRUARY 2019

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission=Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Trainers	GProAdvocates=Global Proclamation Advocates	1 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	2 Colleagues to help connect, unite and strengthen pastoral trainers and pastoral training initiatives
3 Openings and collaborators to hold 25 national GPAs this year	4 God's guidance as Dr. Richard evaluates requests to speak	5 Health and safety for RREACH staff in Dallas and around the world	6 More pastors and pastoral trainers to become aware of benefits of the GProCommission	7 God to inspire everything that goes into LifeRocks media outreach, from videos to emails to online counsel	8 Faithfulness to the Lord Jesus for pastors and their families serving in dangerous or deprived situations	9 Time and creativity for Dr. Richard to study and write new material
10 PastorReach videos to encourage and equip pastors around the world	11 At least five candidates from new countries for the 2019 Dallas GPA	12 Wisdom for Dr. Richard to develop ministry trip itineraries that maximize his time and giftings	13 Quiet time to study and creativity for writing talks, articles and books	14 Efficient and effective functioning in the RREACH office	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Plans for 25 national GPAs in 2019 to come together
17 Visas for the 2019 Dallas GPA candidates	18 Dr. Richard's family to grow ever closer to Christ	19 Smooth preparation for the upcoming GProAdvocates meeting	20 God's provision for and protection of RREACH's many friends	21 GPA Madagascar 2/21-3/2: That 25 pastors will be connected, united and strengthened	22 Those who have heard Dr. Richard proclaim the Lord Jesus to trust themselves to Him	23 For the right 25 pastors to attend each national GPA
24 Ongoing preparation for the GProAdvocates meeting in March	25 Clear direction in selecting candidates for the 2019 Dallas GPA	26 Good communication between RREACH staff and collaborators in different countries and time zones	27 The funds needed to support Dr. Richard's personal proclamation and ministry training	28 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life		

MARCH 2019

Please pray for/about the following...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		GPA=Global Proclamation Academy	GProCommission= Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Trainers	GProAdvocates=Global Proclamation Advocates	1 Dr. Richard's time with the GProAdvocates to be meaningful	2 Clear vision, fresh energy and enduring connections for GPA Madagascar graduates as they return home
3 Those who have trusted the Lord Jesus through Dr. Richard's ministry to grow in faith	4 Good collaboration among and additional members for the GProCommission team	5 Dr. Richard's friendships with opinion leaders to draw them to the Lord Jesus	6 God's Spirit to protect and empower everyone preparing for, helping with and attending national GPAs	7 LifeRocks outreach campaigns to reach people who have never heard about the Lord Jesus	8 Travel mercies, health and strength for Dr. Richard	9 More opportunities for Dr. Richard to connect with and speak to pre-Christians
10 Blessing on Dr. Richard's ministry trip to Asia	11 Resources in more languages and efficiency in technology for the GProCommission team	12 God to speak powerfully through Dr. Richard to Christian leaders in Nepal	13 Discernment and blessing on plans to increase and sharpen efforts in Spanish-speaking countries and Brazil	14 Visas for the 2019 Dallas GPA candidates	15 Ramesh to be humble before God, sensitive to needs and have clear direction in all areas of life	16 Wisdom and creativity in coming alongside other pastoral training organizations
17 The right 25 pastors to attend each national GPA	18 LifeRocks videos to open blind souls to the Light of Life	19 Careful planning for the upcoming Dallas GPA	20 Dr. Richard's writings and messages to be accessible to those who will most benefit from them	21 Dr. Richard to find the best use of his time and gifting on ministry trips	22 Praise for the more than 2,000 young pastors who have graduated from Dallas and national GPAs	23 Opinion leaders who have heard Dr. Richard speak to follow the Lord Jesus
24 Creativity, capacity and Christlikeness as Dr. Richard prepares talks and written content	25 Protection over Dallas and national GPA graduates in dangerous situations	26 Praise that Dr. Richard often can greet national GPAs by video-conferencing	27 Dr. Richard's family to be strengthened in their love for the Lord Jesus and each other	28 Production of LifeRocks videos and corollary materials	29 Dallas and national GPA graduates to proclaim God's Word well and widely	30 The best pastoral training resources to be discovered and made available on GProLearning.org
31 GProAssociates to fulfill the plans they made in Dallas			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!			

Global Prayer Commission (GPrayCommission)

Prayer: Ramesh Richard's health and safety

Answer: Over 30-plus years of ministry, God has physically strengthened Dr. Richard to fulfill every speaking commitment he has made. In northeast India, altitude sickness had him throwing up at the side of the mountain on his way to speak to 30,000 youth. God enabled him, however, and thousands made commitments to the Lord Jesus.

On another occasion, scheduled to do the opening devotional at a meeting of global Christian leadership, he developed chills and began shaking uncontrollably on his flight. Thankfully, Bonnie was with him, and, through Christ's empowerment, he persevered to give the address. Subsequent medical tests showed he picked up a virulent bacterial infection similar to one that had hospitalized a few seminary colleagues. Although the infection persisted for months, the Lord prevented him from becoming incapacitated, and even energized him to meet all his commitments.

God has also protected Dr. Richard from physical harm throughout his many travels—at least six international ministry trips per year since beginning RREACH 31 years ago, in addition to travels all over the U.S. Just months prior to the 2016 Global Proclamation Congress, his attaché (with his computer and other key items) was stolen at an international airport, but he was not harmed. Some of his flights have turned back because of mechanical failure—but he always has made it safely home.

And God has given Dr. Richard great favor in entering countries. Officials have detained him for questioning. One country put his visa application in limbo because the government was suspicious of anyone entering for religious purposes. Another country admitted him, but then changed its mind and gave him 24 hours to leave. Yet, praise God, he has been able to cross most borders without issue.

In every situation, the Lord's hand has shielded and strengthened Ramesh Richard to fulfill everything to which he has been called. Praise be to God, and thank you for praying! 🙏



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Your First Name (and my One Word) for the New Year **by Ramesh 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 Battlefield



Representatives of RREACH's Global Proclamation Commission have been calling the 2,500+ trainers ever since the finish of the 2016 Global Proclamation Congress to encourage and connect them. They have discovered both bad news and good news. The bad news is that no one else is doing this. The good news is that

someone is doing it—and local trainers of pastors are amazed!

Sometimes it takes more than a year of reaching out before a GPro colleague actually connects with a pastoral trainer. But they persevere, and the results have been eye-opening.

GPro Central colleague Karina recently talked with a woman in Latin America, explaining the team's purpose to encourage and pray for those on the battlefronts of pastoral training. The woman said, "I love all that, but how much does it cost?" She was astounded to hear, "Nothing!"

Your support of RREACH helps make desperately-needed encouragement and connections available to pastors and pastoral trainers around the world. And that is priceless. 🙏