

## LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

Hebrew 12:2

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I. Life Testimony Mateus Singh  
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Hello! My name is Mateus Singh. I was born in 1966, to a high cast Hindu family on the slope of the Indian Himalayas. My father took me and my mother to New Delhi in search of peace and prosperity. But we met only poverty and despair. I wondered why I was born into such a poor and miserable family and in such a miserable country. I was deeply sick with fatalism.

I studied hard and entered the best school in India, Delhi University. Also I became a semi-professional soccer player. In 1987 Jimmy Lee invited me to Bible study. At Christmas 1987, I heard the good news of great joy and accepted Jesus as my personal savior who came to this world in a manger and died on a cross for my sins. But I could not deny my human ambition to be a famous football player and abandoned God. Then I was sent to prison for writing examination for a football team-mate. I cried out to God, “Lord if you save me from prison, I will give my life for your campus ministry!” After three days I was released. With a repented heart I went back to God. During the Summer Bible Conference in 1988, God gave me a clear life direction through Matthew 6:33, “But seek first His kingdom and all these things will be given to you as well.”

In 1989, I received a scholarship for two years from the Portuguese government. I learned Portuguese language and culture at the Classic university of Lisbon and invited some students in the dormitory to Bible study. Most of them claimed to be Catholic but none of them had personal faith in Jesus. I wanted to establish a big ministry within a few years. But when my scholarship was over, I had financial problems. I also had no Bible student. I considered my mission life as a complete failure and wanted to return to India. But God spoke to me through Hebrews 12:2; “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” I realized that I had to look at Jesus, not on myself. I repented and decided to serve God’s work by depending on God alone.

God solved my material problem by providing a suitable job. He also blessed me to receive permanent residence in Portugal. In 1998, God blessed me to establish a family with the most beautiful and artistic woman of God, Rebecca Singh from Korea. God blessed us with two daughters Debora and Lydia.

For five years we have established a vessel of prayer with John and Grace Huh. Meanwhile Fernando has moved into our apartment and we are serving him with Bible study and common life. I praise God who sustained me in my mission field during the last 19 years. I pray that God may save India from the gods of Hinduism to worship the creator God. May he continually raise up India to be a missionary sending country and may India become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

## II. Mission Report on Asia

Christianity became known in Asia when in 52 A.D. Apostle Thomas had served God's ministry in India. In the 14th century, monk Francis preached the Gospel in China, and in the 16th century, Christianity was spread in Japan and in the 17th century in China through Jesuit missionaries. Among well known European missionaries, who had served in Asia, there were William Carey, Adoniram Judson and Robert Morrison. In 1920, China had already 16,000 missionaries, e.g. Hudson Taylor. He dressed himself like a Chinese, wore a braid and lightened up the fire of the China Inland Mission. As a fact, Asia is the continent where most missionaries died as martyrs.

Asia has more than the half of the world's population and the highest population density. These days many Asian countries are radically trying to change their economy system into a market economy. Many say that the pacific nations are going to lead the world of the 21st century. But at the same time, most of the unreached countries are located right there in this region. Not more than 3 % of the population in Asia believes in Christianity. The numbers of Non-Christians in China and India alone are higher than the numbers of all Christians in the world and in Japan, there are less than 1% Christians.

Beside the 80 UBF churches in Korea, there are altogether 51 UBF churches in whole Asia, among them there are 15 ministries in Japan, 13 in China, 6 in India, 4 in Indonesia, 2 in Mongolia and ministries in Brunei, Malaysia, Hongkong, Taiwan, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines. 188 missionaries and 23 native staff shepherds are working together.

First, disciple making ministry through faith and 1:1 Bible study of self-supporting missionaries

In 1987, Msn. Jimmy Lee was sent out to New Delhi in India with the word from Isaiah 49:6 as a light to the Gentiles. He worked in the field of a Korean firm. After 6 years, his contract with this firm expired, so he should have gone back to Korea. But in spite of the harsh situation, he decided with Matthew 6:33 to stay in India in order to bring the Gospel to the Hindu students. He tried to start a private business but it failed due to economical crisis in Korea, so he faced an extreme financial emergency. In this hopeless situation he and his wife pleaded to God Almighty by trusting in Matthew 6:33 alone and offered himself and his family to the Hindu mission. God blessed the disciple making ministry as well as his new business according to his promise. 17 missionaries, 14 native shepherds and

3 professor shepherds are currently working in India. They are praying to raise up 320 professor shepherds until 2010.

One missionary from Hongkong, Msn. Angela Kim, sacrificially served the work of God, even though she had to undergo a brain surgery three times. But she believed in the word of God: "I am God Almighty, walk before me and be blameless," and took a decision, that even if she had to die, she would die in prayer in her mission field. As she made this decision and kept on early morning prayer, God miraculously restored her health and she became a witness of the resurrection.

The first fruit of Hongkong University is Maria, who accepted campus mission through Genesis Bible Study and became a person, who is ready to give everything for God's mission. She is studying thirty times 1:1 per week. Additionally, there are several more shepherdesses, who are serving the work of God with the spirit of Msn. Angela. The work of God in Hongkong is still growing; now they are celebrating Sunday worship service with 120 participants and have 250 1:1 Bible Studies. In Hongkong UBF there are mainly 15 native shepherd families, who up to now pioneered 4 universities. Now they are praying for pioneering the remaining 3 universities and raising a power station in order to pioneer the 1000 campuses of China.

Indonesia is the largest Islamic country of the world with 88% of the population believing in Islam. Therefore, it is not easy for our missionaries to serve the ministry there. But God has sent several students to Bible study who came to believe in Jesus personally. Msn. Peter Lee was encouraged through the word from John 21:15 and he started to pray at 3:30 AM for the Muslims who are starting their prayers at 4:00 AM. In order to reach the Muslim students with the Gospel, he could not do many things besides praying. But it was just his prayer which God blessed and which he used to do his mighty work among Christian students. They repented and developed a sense of responsibility for their Muslim fellow students, friends and acquaintances and invited them to Bible study. Now also several Muslim students are diligently studying the Bible for some years. Prayer and 1:1 Bible study seem to be the most ineffective strategy but God is using these as his instruments and he is doing his work slowly but surely. 10 students are being raised as disciples of Jesus each year. The numbers of Sunday worship attendants are constantly growing and now have reached 80. The shepherd family of Abraham Jones faithfully serves the ministry as a source of blessing and is a good influence for all co-workers. Many other native shepherd families were raised. Now they are praying to send out native shepherds as missionaries and raise 20,000 Bible teachers.

## Second: Professor Shepherds

Abraham Longrichang was a Sunday Christian, who studied MA course in history at the Nehru University in New Delhi. But through intensive Bible Study with Msn. Jimmy Lee he received the word of God, Genesis 1:28, and took a decision to live with the holy mission of God. After he received much grace through Bible Study, he invited two students of JNU, who were typical Hindu-students,

namely Matthew Sing and John Angam. John Angam was so poor that he had to wear one and the same trousers for seven years. He also suffered because of his inferior complex related to his appearance. But through John 9:5 he accepted Jesus as the light of the world. He became a professor for sociology at Delhi University and started God's ministry at this campus. He has worked as a professor missionary to Addis Abeba University in Ethiopia for three and a half years. Now he has returned to India and is serving Delhi University students as a professor shepherd by coworking with Shepherd Samuel, who is also a professor shepherd. Abraham Longrichang first went to Chicago, then to Yale, USA. Mateus Singh went as a missionary to Portugal. Today there are three professor shepherds in India, who keep their faith, deliver the message every week and challenge the Hindu culture. Indian students have many good qualities. They are humble, because they grew up in difficult circumstances. They speak English as native speakers and are able in many ways. When they are changed they can go out as missionaries to any place. Until now, India UBF has sent out 8 missionaries and is praying to send out missionaries to Africa, the Islamic countries, to their neighbor countries, to China and North-Korea.

### Third, Bible translation

During the past 70 years Mongolia was spiritually devastated by the influence of Socialism, with the result that not even a translation of the whole Bible existed. In 1994 to support the gospel ministry, the missionaries began to publish the books of Genesis and Daniel, which they translated, and distributed them to the church of Mongolia. Additionally, they translated hundreds of hymns in order to serve worship service. They also translated Daily Bread and many other Christian Literature into Mongolian language to help native shepherds spiritually. As the missionaries put themselves out for translating the Bible and delivering the message God worked mightily and led many young people to God. We can summarize Mission strategy, vision and prayer topics for Asia in four aspects.

First: These days there is a great potential of economical growth in Asia. Asian countries are waiting for intellectuals from the whole world. Asia is a continent where our self-supporting missionaries can do a big ministry of the gospel. We are praying that they will be sent out as self-supporting missionaries.

Second: God's word has power to change a person and even a whole nation. Therefore, we are praying that through intensive 1:1 Bible study students on campus may have a personal relationship with Jesus and make a decision to obey the word of God and they may be raised as spiritual leaders.

Third: In Asia there are still many people unreached. According to the data, there are 639 unreached ethnic groups with a population of more than 100,000. Among them 310 groups are in India with 70 % of unreached people. In order to reach them and to strengthen the faith of our native shepherds, it is very important to translate Christian literature and the Bible into their languages and to work together with the local churches and mission organizations.

Forth: Asia is a huge field that is ripe for harvest. Most of the students in Asia grew up under bad conditions and poverty. Therefore, they are humble and pitiful. If they would be changed they can go as missionaries to each place of the whole world. We pray that God may send out many workmen to Asia. We also pray for Asia to send out 100,000 missionaries to all countries of the earth, even to China, North-Korea and the Islamic countries until 2041.