



MEN AT THE CROSS
Empowering Men to Reach Men

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Fulfilling the great commission by serving in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the Ends of the Earth!

FROM MYANMAR TO NEPAL TO A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

This past summer was a wild ride! So wild, that our August newsletter is coming out in November! Activities included me going to Myanmar and Nepal for three weeks; Lori orchestrating another move from one house to another; Russ interning at a church in The Woodlands; Sarah spending five weeks in Nashville working on her CD; transitioning from East-West Ministries to Men At The Cross, Lori and Ellie traveling to Houston for appointments at Shriner's hospital; Russ leaving for California to go to Bible College; and Kate starting kindergarten...Whew! Thank goodness for energy vitamin waters!!! Anyway, the summer began for me with a 20 day trip to Myanmar and Nepal. As many of you know, Cyclone Nargis wreaked havoc on the country of Myanmar and little aid was allowed in from outside sources. In fact, only 45 Americans were given visas in the first few months immediately following the devastating cyclone. I accompanied three other members of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team to bring assistance and encouragement to the pastors of the affected areas. While we were there, over 1,000 people were still being held up in Bangkok, and most relief organizations are were still being held back. Our visit to minister, encourage and train pastors from some of the most devastated areas was really a miracle. The Lord opened doors for us to minister in some special ways:

1. We were able to minister (carefully) on the streets while touring and shared Christ with some Buddhist while visiting a Buddhist Temple.
2. We trained and ministered to 44 pastors for 3 days. They were the most humble servants we had ever met. It was an honor to stand before these pastors who have suffered greatly from the cyclone. Most of them still didn't have food, clean water, medicine or building materials, yet they were opening up what was left of their homes and ministering to others. They witnessed so much death around them and sickness throughout their churches and villages, yet continued to seek ways to serve the hurting.
3. We met with the local Samaritan's Purse leader in Myanmar, and learned that approximately 1,000 people were dying every day in the Irrawadi Delta Region for lack of food, water and medicine.
4. During the training, the Lord worked deeply in the hearts of the pastors to trust Christ in their suffering, and how to appropriately share Christ in their villages and communities. On the first day of training they were very weary and discouraged, however on the 3rd day, they were very excited and felt God was healing them emotionally and spiritually. They viewed their suffering as an opportunity to glorify the Lord. Although their needs were great, they left without expectations and hope in man or government, but in the Lord.
5. We provided printed copies of the Billy Graham training material which they translated so each pastor can train other pastors and church members.



Doug and Terry praying with local Buddhist

Thank you so much for your prayers and continue to pray for the pastors and people of Myanmar.



Pastors were eager to learn

and love on these mighty men of God serving in a very difficult place. We were able to tour the burned down village and distribute some clothes that had been sent over by Marc's church. Marc's church family also raised over \$2,000 to help rebuild the foundations of all the homes in the village. Thank you Lord for the encouragement of the body.

After our time in Southern India, we traveled to Northern India and Nepal where we met two faithful brothers in the Lord, John and Samuel. The plan was for us to spend the night in Northern India and travel to Nepal the morning after we arrived to research a future ministry trip to the refugee camps there. God had a different plan. The morning after we arrived, the city we stayed in was shut down and we were ordered to stay in our rooms because people were protesting and the army was being called out to restore order. We never felt like we were in personal danger, but some of our ministry friends got caught up in the violence. It was a reminder to me for us to pray for our brothers and sisters in other countries who experience so many different hardships that we do not have to face. The next day, Marc and I ventured out to Samuel's church which was only a mile away from the hotel and we were able to minister at a youth leader's conference Samuel was holding at the church. The originally scheduled teachers were not able to get into the city, so Marc and I shared and tried to encourage the youth leaders. The army finally allowed businesses to open and vehicles to start traveling again on our fourth day in Northern India. We secured a driver and made the journey over the Nepali border. We were able to visit one of the refugee camps and minister at a village church. It was monsoon season and pouring rain as we traveled to the village. Marc and I



Doug crossing river

actually had to cross a river to get to the village church. Don't be fooled by the photo. It was a lot more intimidating than it looks. Several unbelieving families came to the village church the day we were there because they wanted to see and hear the strangers. We thanked the Lord for the opportunity to proclaim His name to those that haven't heard! Please pray for God to raise up people for an upcoming medical missions trip back to Northern India/Nepal in 2009. See attached flyer!

Thanks for your prayer and your partnership to spread His Light all over the World!!

INVITING MEN TO THE CROSS TO DISCIPLE MEN

In late June, Joe White, from Kanakuk Kamps, approached me about an exciting opportunity to join him and a new men's ministry called Men At The Cross (MATC). The ministry vision is to help men carry out the great commission by calling all men to reach out to "one man" in their sphere of influence and love him to Jesus, until he's able to love another man to Jesus. For more info on MATC go to www.menatthecross.org.

Many of you may remember that Joe is the one who, eight years ago, taught me how to do "the cross-builder" drama. So, with the blessing of East-West Ministries, Lori and I joined Joe at MATC ministries in August 2008. It was obvious to our whole family and many ministry friends that God was clearly leading us in this direction. East-West moved me from a full-time position to an associate-staff position, so all of my financial support now goes through MATC. I serve as the MATC Director of Evangelism and my role is sharing with men all over the world the message of hope that the cross brings and encouraging every man to reach out to another man to help each other grow in their relationship with Christ. Joe has asked me also to be responsible for international development since he already has received 5 international invitations for MATC conferences from Eastern European countries and one country in the Middle East. Joe's desire is that I work to share the 2 Tim. 2:2, one-on-one discipling vision with leaders around the globe. Most of my time will be spent preaching, speaking, and networking with local churches in the cities where we are planning current and future events. As I shared earlier, I am associate staff with East-West and will continue to seek ways to partner with East-West and other ministries to take the gospel to the hard-to-reach places of the world. I realize that this transition came about quickly, but it is a great opportunity that the leaders of East-West have blessed and have affirmed God's leading. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kurt Nelson or Bob West at East-West at 214-265-8300. Thank you so much for your encouragement to us over the past year and we would ask for your continued prayers and financial support. The ministry God has called me to, has not changed, God just opened up more doors to share the good news and fulfill the great commission all over the world. Even as I write this, I know that our nation is going through a financially difficult time, but investing in the kingdom **will never** be a bad financial decision and we are very grateful to you who have partnered with us.



Men committing themselves around the cross in St Louis

You can continue to partner by donating online at www.menatthecross.org. Make sure and click on **Get Involved, Donate, Partnership options, National MATC ministry**, and then **Doug McCary**. If sending in a donation by check, send to **Attn: Donna Ballew, Men At The Cross, 1353 Lakeshore Dr, Branson, Mo 65616**. Please call me at 214-236-7488 if you have any questions. Thanks for your prayers and for your friendship.

Short Term Mission Opportunity - Medical Mission Project to Bagdogra, India/Nepal



Medical/Humanitarian Aid Project March. 26-April 6, 2009

Come join East-West Ministries in a medical/humanitarian aid mission among people in India and Nepal. Bagdogra, India is located in the Northern region of India near the Nepali border. In less than two weeks, God can use you, along with Indian and Nepali nationals, to “show and share” the Gospel with the people of India and Nepal. If you work with the medical team, you will assist a doctor or nurse and an interpreter and will have a chance to love and minister to refugees who desperately need help in one of the poorest places on earth. The focus of the trip will be to utilize the medical and humanitarian aid to open the door for sharing the gospel. For those not involved with the medical team, there will be door-to-door evangelism opportunities to tell as many Indian people as possible about how they can have a personal relationship with Jesus. Also, there will be many other ways to encourage people with the message of Jesus Christ! If you are ready for a life-changing experience, then come make a difference for eternity!!

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Who:	Anyone with a heart for serving, a heart for Jesus, and a desire to follow Jesus' command to GO!
What:	Medical/Humanitarian aid mission trip to India
Where:	Bagdogra, India/Nepal
When:	March 26 - April 6, 2009
Costs:	\$3600.00 (\$1500.00 deposit no later than Jan. 7th)