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Matthew 16:18 "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against



Hope for Slave Children

GBM's ministry is growing in Pakistan. Along with six sewing training centers for disadvantaged women and a church planting operation, we have now started a school for the slave children of the brickyard workers in the Punjab region.



A boy works among the bricks in the Punjab

The Need

When I traveled through the country side of the Punjab late in 2011, I saw many brick-yards and was even allowed to minister to some of the workers. These are poor slaves for the most part, and some are Christian.

The poor are often drawn to Christianity because Jesus ministered among people in all stations of society. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (MT 5:3).

As I understand it, these slaves are like indentured servants, trying to pay off their debt through daily work for the master (the brick yard owners), but they keep falling further behind, so their entire lives are spent working among the bricks. The brick yard masters own everything they have.

The children are slaves, and they must work all day in order



to eat. They cannot go to school like other children. Their parents might teach them to read if they know how themselves. Yet the future of these children seems dismal at best, and with no means of getting a proper education, their opportunity to escape the cycle of indentured servitude seems unlikely.

The Vision

The process of how we began the school happened in the following manner. In October, Pastor Rizwan Fazal of Lahore, Pakistan, asked me if GBM would consider starting a school for some of the slave children. It would only be in the evening because the children must work during the day. I told him that I would pray about it. There would be start up costs, along with both annual and monthly expenses.

After the beginning of the year and some time of prayer,

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Light City Church

In November, 2011, Pastor Aziz Khurshid of Church of Faith, Pastor Asher Aziz of Rock City Church, and I ordained John Sohail as pastor and evangelist of the first GBM church plant in Pakistan.

Later, I named the new church plant Light City Church. This is based upon Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden".

Pastor Sohail started the church in Dulu Khurd, a remote area of Lahore in the Punjab region by doing Bible studies and outreaches.

Even though the Punjab region has more Christians than other parts of Pakistan, the population is so dense, that Operation World (2010) said, that it "has a higher number of unreached individuals per Christian worker than any other place in the world". So the need for church planting in the Punjab is as great as anywhere in the world.

People are coming to Jesus through the GBM ministries in Pakistan. The six GBM PAK sewing training

centers are seeing conversions to Christ through the daily Bible readings and prayer. Young Muslim women are accepting Christ. Also, the GBM Hope School for the slave children will see conversions as children learn about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Yet, the

GBM church plant has the potential to witness even more who will turn their lives over to Jesus.



Pastor Sohail speaks to a crowd at an outreach

Light City Church is hosting prayer and healing meetings on a regular basis. This draws Muslims and others. People are getting healed and saved.

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Hope for Slave Children



Some of the children hold up their uniforms after about two months of school

I felt prompted by the Lord to contact a Christian man in Texas who had helped support the 2011 mission to Pakistan. He prayed and then agreed to pay for the start up costs. I think that it is important to note that he is not a wealthy individual, and, indeed, when I contacted him, he was even out of work. However, he is generous and had set aside a certain amount of money for the work of the Lord. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for people who serve You in this way. His sacrifice is of great service to these poor slave children. He wishes to remain anonymous,, but may the Lord bless him in his new job!

The School

So, the school started in May. I named it GBM Hope school. Pastor Rizwan and I wanted the teacher to be certified. In this way, when the children graduate, there should be no qualms about the level of their education. There are about 35 children and youth that are attending the school. Pastor Rizwan told me that three of the girls know how to read but no one else.

As I understand it, we have started the very first school for the slave children in the Punjab region of Pakistan. I now see that the Lord was preparing GBM for this before He miraculously led me to the Punjab in 2009.

I would like to say that this school is an experiment. Since it has not been done before, we are experimenting to see if this can help the children escape the bondage of slavery. The Pakistani pastors seem to think so, but we will see. One thing is for sure, the children are receiving an education where none existed before. I think that if I had to be a slave in the brick yards of Pakistan, I would rather be an educated one instead of an illiterate one.

A Seed of Faith

The Lord Jesus talked about faith the size of a mustard seed (Luke 17). This school is a small seed in an area that has large need. Pastor Rizwan and I can imagine schools for slaves all over the Punjab region. There are also slaves on plantation farms.

Wouldn't it be amazing if we could begin schools all over the Punjab for both brickyard and plantation slaves, with the result being that they find both freedom from slavery bondage and the freedom that comes from knowing and loving the Lord Jesus Christ?



Students stand in their new uniforms. Pastor Rizwan Fazal stands in the middle.

Helping the Children

Everyone who partners financially with GBM is helping these children. I could do none of this if it were not for the support of faithful partners. Thanks to all of you who give to this ministry.

I figure the cost of the school is about \$20 per child per month. This covers monthly and annual expenses. If you would like to get involved in financially supporting GBM and thus supporting the various ministries of GBM, it would be much appreciated. GBM is a non-profit ministry and donations are tax deductible.

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A shy little girl with her workbook sits on a bench at a table and looks up for the photo.

Family Events



Congratulations to my son Jonathan Fleming and Kristina Stevens! They were married in Haines, Oregon, on her parent's ranch on August 4th. Kristina recently got her doctorate in Physical Therapy. Jonathan is a computer scientist. Pastor Scott Jones, Jonathan's uncle, did the ceremony for them. It was awesome!



Welcome home to my son-in-law, Anthony Murphy, from active military service overseas, and welcome to the world and our family, baby Benton! My daughter, Naphtali and Anthony recently adopted baby Benton - my new grandson. Congratulations to the new parents! Now I have three grandchildren! Top photo: Naphtali and Anthony. Bottom photo: Benton and me at Jonathan and Kristina's rehearsal dinner.

Right Now

Right now, somewhere in the world,
 Someone is receiving salvation,
 Because God is a merciful and gracious God;
 Someone obtains wisdom,
 In answer to prayer;
 Another one gets knowledge,
 To benefit a friend in need;
 One grows in faith,
 To meet the challenges of an obstacle;
 People are receiving help from Heaven
 To create inexplicable healings and wonder-filled miracles,
 Utter prophetic words,
 Discern the heart of another,
 Speak an unknown language, or
 Interpret the language being spoken.

Right now, somewhere in the world,
 Omnipotent God is delivering someone from madness,
 Annulling curses, driving out devils, bestowing blessings,
 Unlocking the chains of prisoners in darkness, and
 He is breaking the gates of death that hold people captive.

Right now, somewhere in the world,
 The Father delivers justice; the Son rescues sinners,
 and the Spirit empowers disciples.
 The Great I Am revives hope, forges peace,
 and showers kindness.
 Jesus purifies the blood-stained soul and gives
 the joy of salvation to all seekers.
 He extends matchless love and eternal life to any, who truly ask Him,
 Right now, somewhere in the world!¹

1. I wrote this poem on December 4, 2011, in Kenya. At night, while in bed, I was under a heavy spiritual attack with temptations and fiery darts. I looked to my Redeemer and was told to consider Philippians 4:8. As I considered the good things of God, this poem formed in my mind. So, I got up at 3 am and composed it.

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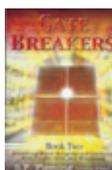
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Light City Church

One woman recently rededicated her life to Christ. She and her family now attend the church. A woman with severe joint pain in her knees was healed and now serves the Lord.

Pastor Asher Aziz writes: "Light City Church is a step taken to spread the Word of God in



People gather to hear the Word of God. The harmonium is a common musical instrument used in Pakistan.

Pakistan. This is a step to save the souls in Pakistan. This is a step to prepare the men and women in Pakistan to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, to live Godly, honest, faithful and useful lives as citizens of the country and heirs of Christ in Pakistan."

Let us pray that many come to know the Lord through Light City Church Pakistan! Here is the testimony of one that has been translated from Urdu into English. "My name is

Dilawar Masih. I am a resident of Dulu Khurd. I am working in a nearby factory. I used to sell liquor as a part time business. I never attended a church in my life. One evening when I was returning home from my work, I heard people worshipping. I stopped and listened for some time. Suddenly, someone deep inside me whispered, "Dilawar, come to Me," and I unconsciously went to the place where people were worshipping. I attended the whole meeting and I have no hesitation in admitting that it was the most beautiful time in my life. I met Pastor John Sohail and after the meeting he prayed for me.

From that day on my whole life has changed. God has given me strength and I have left selling the liquor. Now, I am regularly attending the meetings of Light City Church.



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We should probably wake up each morning with questions like: "What will the Lord be teaching me today? In what ways will I be tested today?" What the Lord teaches to us, He also tests!

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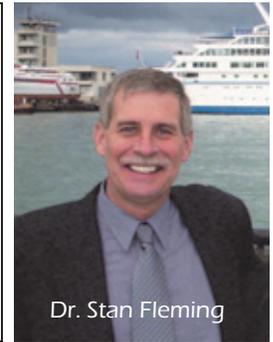
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Times of Testing

As Christians, we seem to forget that the Lord will test us at times. The fact that we forget and do not keep the possibility of testing on our spiritual radar, often makes our initial assessment of a problematic situation that we are in faulty. We blame the devil. We blame others. Though there are times when we do need to counter spiritual attack, we should remember the testing of the Lord.

We forget that the role of the Holy Spirit is to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). The Lord wants to mature us in the faith. A newborn baby must learn to crawl, walk, run, jump, etc. The Lord will test us to see if we have progressed and learned.

Imagine a parent whose toddler is close to walking. The parent might stand the toddler up and let go - just for a moment - to see if the toddler can stand on his own. This is a test. The toddler may experience a moment of stress, but the parent is right there to help.

I remember teaching my children to swim. When one of them had reached a certain stage of ability, I would say, "Swim to me." I was only four feet from the edge of the pool, so it was easy for them. Yet, as each child progressed, I would move backwards as he or she swam to me. This increased the distance of their swim. I was testing and training all at the same time.

We see an example of the Lord Jesus testing and training His disciples when He fed the multitude. In John 6:5 Jesus asked Philip where they could buy bread to feed the multitude. The closest city was far away. Not only that, but it was a great multitude that would require a lot of bread. Philip responded about how great a sum would be required to feed all of them. So upon first assessment, Jesus' question seems very strange and even out-of-touch with the current situation.

However, Jesus knew exactly what He was doing. John 6:6 tells us that Jesus asked Philip the question "to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do." After Philip, Andrew mentioned that they had five barley loaves and two small fish which were insufficient for the need

of the multitude. It was then that Jesus had the multitude sit down, and the miraculous provision of the Lord occurred.

Jesus wanted to test the disciples manner of thinking. Since they had already witnessed many miracles, He tested them to see what lines of thinking they would take when faced with such a great need. Were they kingdom thinkers or simply earthly-minded men? Through this, He was training them by demonstrating that the resources for their needs - small or great - were found in Him.

Some tests can be momentary while others can apparently last for months or even years. The Christian concept of experiencing a "wilderness season" comes from the Old Testament story of the people of Israel wandering through the wilderness. God put Israel in the wilderness for forty years to test them and know what was in their heart as a people (Deuteronomy 8:2). Then they entered the Promised Land. Testing preceded the fulfillment of the promises.

It may be that trials and tests are more common than we imagine. They are not all from the Lord, but He will use them. James 1:2-3 "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." 1st Peter

1:6-7 "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Christians are like students in the classroom of the Holy Spirit. The word *disciple* comes from the Greek word meaning "a learner, a pupil". We should probably wake up each morning with questions like: "What will the Lord be teaching me today? In what ways will I be tested today?" What the Lord teaches, He also tests!

So, the next time that you, like a toddler, feel that the Lord has removed His hands from you, just take a step of faith toward Him. He is teaching you to walk and to grow in faith and faithfulness (Hebrews 12:2).

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