

## Path Clearer Newsletter

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### ***“Influencing Millions by Communicating Judeo-Christian Truth”***

*A voice of one calling in the desert: “Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out.” (Isaiah 40:3-6)*

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Hi *Path Clearer* friends,

Given the major tragic news concerning the earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean, the anticipated year-end *Path Clearer* e-newsletter is being broken into two separate documents. This one will focus on our trip to India in November and possible insights regarding the tsunami in December for your consideration. ***I trust you will find the final section quite interesting.*** The other document will follow and include the remainder of the update for the fourth quarter of 2004.

Blessings – Tom Dooley

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### ***Recent Highlights in Ministries:***

*Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. (Romans 15:17-19).*

### **Path Clearer Team Trip to INDIA (November):**

**BACKGROUND INFO:** I have been ministering in various states of India since 2000, and often working with my friends from Mission India (<http://www.rimi.org>). Our PC team trip in November was my fifth to India. Since the summer of 2003 (or possibly earlier) I had sensed a *major prophetic word of faith* for India. I first proclaimed this publicly to many Indian young adults at the PYFA convention in New York in ca. August 2003. The word of faith was (and is) essentially that, “*God intends to raise up 100 million believers in India in a decade, provided the faith of India’s disciples will rise up in agreement.*” In addition there was a sub-theme mentioning that, “*God was raising up a prophetic nation of Elishas*” among disciples who are ca. 30 years old or younger, but not restricted in the conventional sense to the borders of any particular nation. I had not heard any comparable “prophetic” words of faith to those at that time. However, some general and obvious statements were being made by many individuals that God was doing a mighty work of evangelism in India at this time, and I’ve since heard many independent comments attributed to other ministers about this “prophetic movement” amongst youth. I have declared this word of faith in various cities since then, but knew that it must be declared on the soil of India to take a more full effect. Thus, the trip was planned for India, and this declaration was a major component of that journey, as it was proclaimed in three major cities in India. Below are additional comments about what our team members experienced (including revelations from multiple dreams) prior to, during, and following this journey.

NAGPUR: The four members of our *Path Clearer* ministry team from the southeastern USA included Debbie Hughett, Dale Cathey, Don Stewart, and me. I was honored to co-lead the teaching sessions at the *Mission India Annual Leadership Conference* on November 12-16<sup>th</sup> in Nagpur (the “Snake City”), located in the “crossroads” of central India. The Mission India campus is beautiful and growing rapidly into a world-class seminary and missionary-training center. I was there before the first building was constructed and today it contains many wonderful and well-designed buildings, thanks to the designs of Bob Schill and Regi Lukos. The theme was “*Ephesians: Our Position and Power in Christ*”. This strategic leadership conference was attended by ca. 250 pastors and missionaries affiliated with Mission India ([www.rimi.org](http://www.rimi.org)) from all over the nation, plus several hundred additional local attendees. We also enjoyed the fellowship and assistance of other American guests. Our team purchased a calf for the dairy farm, which we named as “DeDe – Miss America” after the recent Miss America winner from Alabama. We were particularly drawn in our spirits toward the attendees from Nagaland in Northeastern India near the Nepal/China borders. PC wants to send a team there in the future.

The prophetic word of faith was first declared at the Mission India conference, then at the campus of Rhema India ([www.rhema-india.org](http://www.rhema-india.org)) in Nagpur care of my dear friend Pastor Thorat, and was followed in two other major cities (below). I met with a local attorney from Nagpur, who subsequently delivered a signed copy of *Praying Faith* to Sonia Gandhi in December -- an answer to prayer. You might recall a prophetic word about her destiny from that book, which was fulfilled (at least in part) in May of this year, when the government shifted dramatically and shocked the world.

One day we drove to Bhiwapur village to inspect a Mission India project overseen by pastor-missionary Manik Zacharias. To support his family he grows rice on a one-acre farm. They had poor yield last year due to lack of water. Coincidentally, God saw fit to include on our trip Don Stewart, who is a rice agronomist from Arkansas. So, our team provided funds to purchase a diesel pump and irrigation equipment to irrigate this small farm from the hand-hewn well. In addition, we provided for the purchase of some fruit tree seedlings and a calf (named “Miss Laura”) to be used eventually as a milk cow. PC earnestly desires to see self-supporting bi-vocational ministries thrive around the globe.

BOMBAY: We toured Bombay (Mumbai) for a day and especially enjoyed praying and making declarations of God’s intended blessings at The India Gate, located on the edge of the sea. We had a wonderful time during a brief visit to a “good” slum. We handed out fruit to the children. We were hosted in New Bombay that night by my friend, Jacob Nellicapilli. My message focused on Romans 9 & 11 on appreciating the “One New Man” consisting of united Jewish and gentile believers. We treated our friends of the local small church to a feast at the restaurant, which was a rare treat for many of them.

KERALA & TAMIL NADU: We flew to tropical beautiful Trivandrum (the “Great Snake City”), Kerala in southwestern India the following week. My friend KC John has recently resigned from the oversight of several thousand churches in India, and has launched a new endeavor to provide satellite TV programming ([www.wordtelecast.com](http://www.wordtelecast.com)) for the Malayalam- and Hindi-speaking peoples in India and other nations. *Path Clearer* has been requested to partner with them for some programs. KC arranged for a 3-day mini-conference at a local charismatic congregation in Trivandrum, at which I spoke

(with an intentional emphasis on “teaching” rather than “preaching” style) primarily on the life of Joseph. The congregation meets across the street from a historic palace that holds many ancient Hindu “gods” as artworks on display. We had an “interesting” time of spiritual warfare while touring in that “museum” and while seeing a cobra and other snakes in cages nearby! We really enjoyed conducting a Sunday service in a small church inside of a poor slum...one of the main highlights of the trip to several of our team. The faith, hope, and love of these ex-criminals and oppressed poor people was impressive. One special night we ate seafood cooked in a tandoor oven on the beach.

My friend Pastor Tom Oothupan drove from Tamil Nadu (the state in Southeastern India that was subsequently affected by the tsunami) to fellowship and to attend sessions of the meeting. He then returned to Tamil Nadu with Don Stewart, to give him the privilege of blessing the believers in that state as well. I had been there on a prior preaching and evangelistic trip.

### **Possible Insights regarding the TSUNAMI in the INDIAN OCEAN (December):**

First, our PC team members saw multiple dreams/visions *before, during, and after* the India trip regarding major struggles with SNAKES of various types. The two predominant snakes in "my" dreams were the gray (King?) **COBRA** (the symbol of Hinduism to me) and a large constrictor, such as a **PYTHON** (the symbol of "crushing" the prophetic breath out of disciples, and perhaps related to the “spirit of religion” and as manifested through Islam or other local religions), and most recently a small **YELLOW VIPER** (perhaps the symbol of China/Asia and the religion of Buddhism). In "my" dreams we were victorious in caging up the cobra, crushing a snake’s tail, grabbing a snake by the neck, tricking a cobra to waste its poison on rodents so that we could defeat it, etc. But, the most interesting feature was that we caused the snakes to fight amongst themselves in more than one dream! For instance an injured dangerous snake would be attacked or swallowed by another dangerous snake, and then another snake would attack or swallow that one, etc. [This has some similarity to Moses-Aaron's rod-snake consuming Pharaoh's magicians' snakes.] There were also physical manifestations of the constrictor snake upon ministry leaders at the time we were in Nagpur or they were praying for us. Two experienced symptoms of heart attacks and/or difficulties breathing. [I also had a horrible cough attempting to stop me from preaching and making declarations by faith, and another praying pastor at home subsequently needed cardiac surgery.] This series of related dreams by our Path Clearer team members indicated a very successful release of that major prophetic word of faith, and that the principalities over "India" (and perhaps beyond as it included some words about China/Asia as well) were in disarray and fighting amongst each other for a new pecking order of demonic control over the region.

Therefore, I was not surprised about the giant Indian Ocean *earthquake* and *tsunami*. [I've even used those two terms many times in 2003 and 2004.] One might speculate that the snakes symbolically represent some of the various religions of Southern Asia and India (i.e., Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, and Sikhism, for instance) and they are rapidly losing historic territorial authority as God sends in apostolic-prophetic messengers with authority and with superior

power over them. I believe this is part of what we're watching happen in the news, albeit in the natural.

Note that some news headlines are saying this is the most devastating tsunami ever in recorded history, and it is of “Biblical proportions”, and that the most devastating effects were upon the *youth*. India and the nations of the Indian Ocean region have very young demographics. I believe that the devil wants to kill as many young people as possible prior to or during God’s intended “movement” of evangelism in that region of Southern Asia.

You might recall that God used me to proclaim a prophetic word (first perceived in 2000 and declared from 2002-2004) regarding the surprising change of government in India that happened this year. This too, provides some additional spiritual insight about what is happening in this region in the natural. God is doing a major realignment for the advance of the Gospel of peace in Asia, and the enemy is working overtime to thwart God’s agenda.

**Since Yom Kippur in late September through early October I experienced a prolonged season of nightly revelations in dreams and other means concerning multiple “WARNINGS” from God.** *These words of “alarm, warning, and call to repentance”* came in various forms, but all focused upon soon-to-occur major difficulties (and most are recorded daily in my journals). I had already shared in many cities since January 2004 (i.e., the relatively calm year of “*the eye of the needle of the hurricane*”) that the years of 2005-2007 would be very difficult. And, given that the Jewish calendar shifts anew at Yom Kippur, we’re *already into this new season!* I had no doubts about this new serious season we had entered in late September/early October, and even took some criticisms from some individuals who doubted these words of impending difficulties and dramatic manifestations of power from both God and the enemy soon to occur. To this end, we shall see more devastation ahead during 2005-2007. Yet, at the same time we’ll also see the Gospel advance greatly in India and China (and Asia in general).

Perhaps I’ve saved the best for last: The tragic tsunami happened on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. **During the night before waking on December 26<sup>th</sup>, I experienced a prophetic dream concerning this event** (and recorded it in my journal in the morning). In the dream it was a warm and sunny tropical day. I was with my two sons meeting a group of discerning “*Christian elders*” aged ca. 40-70 for counsel about the Church. I met a wise discerning man, who said he was from “*the highlands*” and he brings “*the gifts*” and performs “*tests*” on people. I sensed the fear of the Lord within me when I met this older discerning man, as if he could potentially discern anything about my life. I was slightly scared by meeting this discerner. [Perhaps he was “more” than a mere man.] The city’s traffic could not move, and we could not get into a restaurant. So, we needed to take a motor scooter instead, as it was difficult to move about. I had to fill up its fuel tank, and I recall maneuvering around a double “roundabout” to get through the traffic. [Note that motor scooters are the predominant means of transportation in the nations surrounding the Indian Ocean.]

Here’s a portion of the *verbatim* wording from my journal the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup>: “*in the dream I was on a ‘dock’ next to some dirty pond water with a*

***muddy bottom. I probed it with a stick and decided to not cross it... We [i.e., the discerning Christian elders and my family] decided to drive ca. 30 miles away to another place where we could all meet. This dream might have spiritual significance.***” More details of the dream are worth noting. The dock was in a harbor near the sea. The water was brown and murky, and I was using the pole to probe the water for its depth and contents (just like one does in a search and rescue effort). I saw a small person jump into the water and I thought to myself, “Oh no, that is very dangerous!” I thought they might die. I knew it was not safe to be in the water. When we finally entered a local restaurant I became frustrated at my young son for being so picky about the choice of foods that he was being offered. The only food in the place was one plate of rice and shrimp. My son got the very last portion of it, and I had none. All the people in line behind me didn’t get any food after I served my son. I was frustrated at my boy’s ungrateful and picky attitude, especially since he was eating something. That was a privilege that few shared that day. They had nothing to eat.

After I woke and recorded this dream in my journal, I then learned online about the devastating tsunami that started from the huge force 9 earthquake near Sumatra, Indonesia, that occurred at the same time as I was sleeping. I don’t always understand at the time what a particular spiritual dream means, but this one is now quite clear.

Jesus’ eyes were upon all of the devastation following the tsunami. His eyes saw the danger in the murky waters. His eyes were concerned for the small person who entered the water. His eyes saw the congestion in the streets and difficulty in transportation. His eyes saw the lack of food.

But, there is always reason to hope! Jesus had also positioned some wise discerning “*Christian elders*” in that region, who were meeting together to pray and hear from God. These leaders would bring “*the gifts*” and perform “*tests*” on the people. He had already positioned some of His chosen leaders in that region of the murky waters. These leaders were from the “*highlands*”, where it is safe and secure from the waters of the tsunami. The discerning leaders were going to be used by God after this happened. But, they must first withdraw away from that region for a season of hearing from God in order to know what He wanted them to do. They likely returned to the “*highlands*” from which they came. The “*highlands*” often refers to going up the mountain to meet with God in prayer (e.g., Moses and Jesus). Recall that Jesus said that He never did *anything* that He did not see or hear directly from His Father in Heaven. May we pray for this now over the “*gift-bearing and discerning Christian elders*” of the Church of Southern Asia and India! May our prayers be joined with theirs to see God’s strategic intentions established in that region.

My friends, not only is God Almighty, El Shaddai, providing revelations to those who have *ears to hear* and *eyes to see*, but His heart is turned to the peoples of India and Asia to see a great evangelistic movement break forth in this critical generation. May we pray into this intention on His heart, yet while also participating in helping those in dire need at present in the nations surrounding the Indian Ocean. It is Jesus’ desire that His Father’s House shall be called a House of Prayer for ALL nations!

[If you have any discerned thoughts on these comments, please send an e-mail.]

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