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LOVE

Always Trusts

1 Corinthians 13:7

SRI LANKA

The Power of a Bible Verse

Global Mission pioneer Loku has been growing a church plant in Colombo, Sri Lanka, for three years. In a country of more than 21 million people and where Buddhism is the dominant religion, there are fewer than 4,000 Seventh-day Adventists.

One day, Loku walked into a shop and noticed a Bible verse hanging on the wall. He asked about it and soon had an appointment to study the Bible with the shop owner and his brother. Later, they asked Loku to visit a sick woman. On that visit, he encountered five new families. Loku took the opportunity and is now studying the Bible with all five families.

The pioneer and his family go door to door, inviting people to the small group they've started. They largely minister to the Sinhala people. Some have shown interest and attended the meetings, where they enjoy sharing their own experiences with the group. At least, they did before COVID-19 hit. Because of social distancing rules, prayer and Zoom meetings have dominated Loku's work lately.

This Global Mission pioneer and his small group all send their profound thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project. Loku says that God will definitely give back a hundredfold very soon.





SOUTH ASIA

A Simple Act of Servitude

Poorna wondered how to start a church plant when doors were being shut before him. He is a Global Mission pioneer in South Asia. When the pandemic first hit his country, people stopped welcoming him into their homes. He met with his program director on Zoom and asked, “What can I do? How can I connect with people when I can’t visit them?”

But Poorna is a man of prayer, and he did not become discouraged. One day he noticed that an outdoor drain in the neighborhood had become blocked and was overflowing. It came to him that during a time when he could not connect with people, he could help the community with a simple gesture. Picking up a broom, Poorna began to clear the blockage and clean the drain. This act did not go unnoticed. The neighbors realized that Poorna was there to help them.

This was the start of a relationship between Poorna and the community members. Today, he meets regularly with a vibrant group of believers. Please pray for him and other pioneers as they share the gospel with those who have yet to hear the Good News.



INDONESIA From a Pioneer

My name is Larry. My family and I recently came to Old Manado, Indonesia, as Global Mission pioneers. During our first month here, our goal was to contact every family in the community. Most of the people on the island are fishermen. Only a few are farmers because land available for agriculture is very limited.

Many of the residents live in poverty. Malaria and high levels of blood pressure and cholesterol are common medical conditions. And there is only one health worker on the island. So during our second month here, we offered free health checks and basic medical treatment. We also distributed gently used clothes to the community. The people were very grateful.

I am currently visiting a family who has had questions about the Sabbath. I have explained to them that the seventh day is the day of worship according to the Bible. Recently, the head of this family was sick, and I visited him until he recovered. He has indicated that he does not want to smoke anymore. The family wants me to continue visiting them.

Please pray that my ministry in this area will continue to run well so that many will be prepared for Jesus' second coming. Amen.

The Unreached Need Your Help!

Dear Friend,

As you will read in these stories, the critical outreach that Global Mission pioneers do is first and foremost personal. They take the time to go door to door and meet with families. They get to know them, share meals, and exchange life stories. Pioneers take the time to touch the lives of those in their communities, just like Jesus did.

When barriers arise, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, it gets harder to be personal. Many of our pioneers now rely on virtual meetings to stay connected with their small groups. Some, like Poorna in South Asia, had to find alternative ways to show their care for the community. They work to meet people's spiritual needs as well as their physical ones.

We know that God will guide their efforts and provide divine appointments, as He did for Loku in Sri Lanka. Even in a pandemic, He will create opportunities for engagement and connection. Global Mission pioneers are ready and willing to be led by Him.

Your prayers and financial support help keep pioneers planting churches wherever they are. Thank you for partnering with us to take the gospel to unreached people around the world.



In His Service,
Kayla Ewert

Share the gospel
with us through
these projects.



#7710LT | GOAL \$50,000

Secret Urban Center of Influence

One pioneer team in an unreached city in a closed country



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$11,682

#6100MHA | GOAL \$50,000

Horn of Africa

Secret disciple-making project in a closed country



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$21,954

#7210H4K | GOAL \$50,000

Kolkata

Pioneer teams planting churches in Kolkata, India



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$47,819

#9710 | GOAL \$25,000

Unusual Opportunities

Funds quickly available for unexpected projects that don't fit usual categories



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$24,875

#9730 | GOAL \$75,000

Urban Centers of Influence

UCIs in new, high-priority mission fields: cities



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$45,870



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