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INDIA

Your Church Won't Save You

Your church won't save you," threatened the men who were ready to beat Suleman. "You better leave now or we'll get even with you."

The angry group had already made previous missionaries leave. Those missionaries had tried to establish the first Adventist church in this New Delhi neighborhood, but there was a dispute over the land. Church leadership sent Global Mission pioneer Suleman to settle the problem. The pioneer asked God for wisdom on how best to handle this escalating conflict. He calmly met their angry words with a proposal: Let him stay on the property and maintain it until the matter was resolved. Miraculously, they agreed.

In the meantime, Suleman (second from left) and his wife (third from left) got to know the surrounding community. By God's grace, people opened up to the gospel. Suleman's wife befriended a woman named Sushma and shared her faith. As a result, Sushma began studying the Bible, eager to learn about God.

Today, the property is formally deeded to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in India. About 25 members worship there every Sabbath. Please pray for Suleman to overcome the challenges he faces. With your help, Global Mission pioneers like him are slowly sharing Jesus throughout the 10/40 Window.



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LESOTHO

The Surprise Spouse

Lefa (second from left) had found his wife (third from left); he just didn't know it yet. As a Global Mission pioneer, he frequently went house to house, getting to know the people in his community, praying with them, and studying the Bible together. This woman named Mmathato was one of those people. She wanted to learn more about God, so they studied His word together. She even wanted to go with Lefa and share God's word with others, too. As time went by, the two began to consider marriage. They prayed about the possibility, trusting that if it were God's will, He would allow it to happen. Soon, they were married.

Lefa and Mmathato now spread the gospel together. They continue to visit and study the Bible with families in their homes. They hold health expos, particularly in light of the drug abuse that is common in their community. When a family's loved one dies, Lefa and Mmathato even help with funeral preparations. Together, they do all they can to show Jesus' love to their community.

Thank you for your prayers and selfless gifts. Your support helps Global Mission pioneers like Lefa reach the unreached throughout southern Africa.



UNNAMED COUNTRY

Fully Learning Faith

“**W**hat if the Bible was changed?” my friend Burhan* asked with concern during our Bible study one Friday evening. He pointed out that many religions have their own holy book. Before I could reply, Celik* spoke up, sharing what he had learned in his personal studies.

Burhan and Celik were attending our weekly Bible study for the first time. I was surprised to hear that Celik had studied the Bible before. Many of our local and university friends don't know much about the Bible, which isn't unusual in this closed country. That's why my fellow “Waldensian Students” and I came here: to quietly share Jesus at this university. We've been blessed to see our new friends growing more interested in God.

Somehow, our conversation that night turned to Seventh-day Adventist beliefs about the Bible and Jesus' soon return. Each participant asked questions, eager to understand. Finally, Burhan said, “I want to learn fully about your faith. I want you to teach me from the Bible and help me learn.” Since then, I've been studying the Bible regularly with him.

Please pray for us as we share Jesus in this challenging, unreached place. Thank you for making our “Waldensian Student” ministry possible!

*Names have been changed.

The Unreached Need Your Help!

“You do *what*? And you live *where*?” The immigration official’s eyes narrowed as he spat out the words. We lived and worked as missionaries in Lebanon and were coming home to the United States for a meeting. Glaring, he stuffed our passports into a bright red envelope and said tersely, “Follow me!” To this day, I’m not sure what was going on. We were allowed to continue, but it certainly made me think: *How can we carry the gospel to places where missionaries aren’t welcome?*

One creative way is to do what the Waldensians did hundreds of years ago—send carefully selected and trained students to quietly share Jesus in universities. And we’re doing just that in a number of strategic cities in the 10/40 Window. These modern day “Waldensian Students” can’t openly talk about their beliefs. Their purpose isn’t to get a degree; it’s to follow Christ’s method. They mingle with people; make friends; win their confidence; and watch for opportunities to invite their newfound friends, classmates, and professors to follow Jesus.

Would you be willing to help sponsor a “Waldensian Student” missionary to work in the 10/40 Window? If so, you can give to the “Waldensian Students” project (#9760) by mail, phone, or online at Global-Mission.org/giving.



In His service,
Homer Trecartin

Share the gospel with us through these projects.

#6440CO | GOAL \$30,000

New Projects in Colombia

Send 29 Global Mission pioneers to plant churches



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$27,043

#9760 | GOAL \$30,000

“Waldensian Student” Program

Send student missionaries to the 10/40 Window



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$23,903

#6840SoA | GOAL \$15,000

Pioneers in Southern Africa

Provide bicycles and other equipment for Global Mission pioneers



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$6,226

#9730MY | GOAL \$9,000

Myanmar Center of Influence

Establish a drug rehabilitation center in Kalay



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$3,324

#5210 | GOAL \$250,000

The 10/40 Window

Send Global Mission pioneers to the 10/40 Window



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$38,536



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