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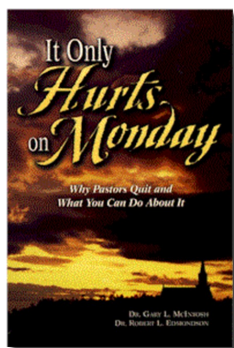
Global Training Network



New Curriculum: It Only Hurts on Monday!

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That's the title of the course Bob is preparing to teach in the Philippines in July. It is based on the book of the same title, by Bob Edmondson and Gary McIntosh of Talbot School of Theology. The book and course focus on answers to ten reasons pastors leave the ministry. These reasons include:



- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ The unique role of pastors
- ✓ Inadequate training
- ✓ Unreasonable expectations
- ✓ Lack of accountability
- ✓ Resistance to change
- ✓ Financial issues
- ✓ Social isolation
- ✓ Spiritual conflict
- ✓ The four weekly pressures:

- The pressure of never being quite "off-duty"
- The pressure of being often in "crisis-mode"
- The pressure of being responsible but not in control
- The pressure of an inadequate measure of success

Bob will be teaching seminary students and presenting the same material in a large leaders' conference in the Manila area. *It Only Hurts on Monday* is available from Churchsmart resources (www.churchsmart.com).

The Blood of the Martyrs is the Seed of the Church

Last month, we published my interview with Sindhu Pani, GTN's director of India Ministries. Sindhu talked about the persecution of believers, the work of Global Training Network, and the triumph of the gospel message, claiming that in spite of persecution, the gospel message just continues to grow. The interview can be heard in its entirety at www.inhisgriponline.org/stories.

Indeed, persecution is rallying the Indian church. The above picture, which appeared in *Christianity Today*, is of Indian Christians taking part in the Candle Light Homage on August 24, 2009 in Madurai, Tamil Nadu state, India.



Recently, GTN staffer, **Bill Wright**, wrote about his experience teaching in **Raipur, India**. His words underscore Sindhu's conclusions and I offer them here as a follow up to the Sindhu Pani interview.

I spent 9 days in the eastern part of India in Raipur. It is a very poor and persecuted area of India. Not many Americans travel to this part of India because of its extreme poverty and extreme persecution of

Christians. A Bible College was burnt to the ground the day before I got to this place. The conference I led had about 100 village pastors who came with nothing but the shirt on their backs and a hunger for the Word of God. Though they have nothing materially they put me to shame with their commitment to Christ and His church. Their response to the Word was overwhelming, which just underscored again for me that when it is the "Breath of God" that we share, it is alive and penetrating."

Please pray for persecuted believers in India, for the shepherds who lead them, and for those who provide those shepherds with vital training in the word of God.

Ministry Update: Open Doors



Bob and Eileen continue to seek open doors for support and to prepare for the open doors of summer and fall international ministry. This week we are launching our new website, In His Grip Online www.inhisgriponline.org. This website is designed to keep you abreast of current happenings in

our ministry and that of Global Training Network as well as provide information on our beliefs and approach to ministry. Please take a few minutes to explore the site. I think you will find it time well spent.

I continue to meet with pastors and other believers regularly to share about our ministry equipping Christian leaders. I am also seeking opportunities to make presentations in churches wherever possible. These efforts have produced 727 prayer supporters and about 28% of our new goal for financial support. Please pray for individuals and churches who have expressed a desire to support us once the economy improves.

Meanwhile, I am working hard

to prepare myself for overseas ministry in the Philippines, Indonesia and India this summer and fall. I am writing course material and will also receive training at the Timothy Leadership Institute in Grand Rapids in June. This innovative course will give me stronger tools for effective communication in cross cultural settings. I will put it to immediate use in the Philippines in July as well as in Indonesia and India in the fall months. Please pray that I will soon reach full support so that I can give myself more fully to equipping the leaders God is raising up all over the world. Pray that God's people will recognize his open door and will have the courage to walk through.



Prayer Requests and Praises

Praise God for

- 727 prayer supporters
- 28% financial support
- Productive meetings with pastors
- New website launched
- Improving economy

Pray for

- Increase in monthly support.
- Open doors to present GTN in U.S. churches
- Plans for India and Indonesia
- New individual supporters

You Can Get Involved!

If God directs you to become a financial partner with Global Training Network, please know that our ability to train more pastors is directly linked to level of monthly support.

This vital ministry will be furthered by your monthly gift of

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"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account... And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:17, 19)

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You may give online at:
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Go to the "Support" page and follow the instructions for gifts preferred for the Edmondsons. You can also download an auto withdrawal form if desired.

We would love to hear from you!

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The Edmondson's Itinerary

- May 16 Glendale, AZ
- May 30 Gila Bend, AZ
- June 12 Chandler, AZ
- June 28- Timothy Training
- July 2 Grand Rapids, MI
- July 14-26 **Philippines**
- Aug 8 Las Vegas, NV
- Aug 27-30 GTN Staff Retreat- Sumas, WA
- Aug 31- Visit Supporters
- Sept 6 in the Northwest
- Sept 16-30 **Indonesia**
- Nov 20-21 Floris, IA



And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others.