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In Their Own Words

Would you like to hear about our ministry from the lips of the pastors we serve?

Point your browser to www.inhispriponline.org.

Not only can you hear interviews from the pastors we serve, but you can also see a photo gallery of our most recent ministry in Indonesia.

Hurry, Only a Few Sundays Left this Year

I still have few open Sundays this year in which to speak in U.S. churches. If you would like for us to come to your church, please contact me at bobedmo@globaltrainingnetwork.org (480) 735-9193.



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God DOES IT AGAIN In Indonesia!

I have just returned from an intensive time of ministry to pastors, leaders, and church planters in Indonesia. It was exhausting but well worth it. God was pleased to do some great things. Here are a few particulars.

- I spoke 11 times in 6 days.
- I partnered with GTN executive vice president, Jim Baugh, to present 2 pastors' training conferences in Solo, Indonesia where about 130 pastors received training in hermeneutics and pastoral disciplines. The training these leaders received will strongly affect their approach to ministry and will be repeated and reflected in their sermons for the next several months. This means that over 13,000 people will benefit.
- We spent many hours consulting with individual pastors.
- Jim and I also preached and presented the gospel in schools and churches to over 700 people. Many unsaved people were present. Some audiences were as much as 50% Muslim.
- We saw a total of 15 precious souls come to Christ.
- I sampled many Asian foods avoided by most Americans.

These facts don't fully reveal the impact of God's Word among the people to whom we ministered. Each conference ended with a time of testimonies from the pastors. Many pastors said that what was presented exactly matched their need and answered their prayers. Tears of gratitude flowed. The material I presented on beating ministry burnout was especially well received. Once again



pastors on the verge of quitting received new hope! God gave them a renewed determination to run their course faithfully and the assurance that it can be done. Indeed, one

leader was on the verge of abandoning not only ministry but Christianity itself! God restored to this precious leader the joy of salvation and a determination to start afresh.

We have invitations to come and teach in several places in Indonesia and a great interest



has been expressed in translating "It Only Hurts on Monday" into the Bahasa Indonesian language for Christian Leaders in Indonesia.

I continue to be amazed at how open to the gospel people are in many parts of the world. I am also amazed at the powerful work that God does through the teaching of basic biblical principles. He is still changing lives. We have seen it again in Indonesia.

Cynthia's Story: God Restores a Leader's Faith

Cynthia (not her real name) ministers in Indonesia, and her heart has been broken. Bit by bit through a translator, she told me her story. She became a Christian in her twenties. Her Muslim family promptly disowned her. Undaunted, she prospered in her new faith, eventually sensing God's call to full-time ministry. Sacrificing her management career, she became a missionary to her own nation. Moving to a needy township, **she began to speak to people about the gospel** and eventually won 20 Muslim souls to Christ. Gathering them together, she worked to establish a church. Her desire came to naught. All 20 ultimately abandoned her weekly meetings. Many joined an established church while some renounced their faith under intense pressure from family and friends. **Bewildered, she continued to share the gospel albeit with an aching heart for her missing spiritual children.** For some reason, people stopped coming to Christ as they once had. **Her prayers seemed to go unheard and she began to doubt.** Cynthia received

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conflicting counsel from Christian friends and leaders. An offer of marriage from a Godly Christian man tempted her to abandon her ministry. She didn't know what to do or why God seemed to ignore her prayers. Her tears spoke more eloquently than the halting words of the interpreter. Finally she confessed that she needed guidance or a sign that God is still there. **Otherwise she would abandon her ministry and her faith.** I was speaking to a woman on the very brink of spiritual disaster.

Now I was in no shape to minister to this poor burned-out soul. I had spent 18 hours that day in travel, intensive pastoral training and one-on-one consultations. My head was swimming with fatigue and my voice was all but gone from a blossoming virus. But I prayed for words and God answered. I said, "Cynthia, you don't need guidance or a sign as much as you need to deal with your anger and disappointment with God." As we conversed, God

helped her see that **success in ministry cannot be measured in merely human terms.** She taught the Word faithfully and cannot possibly know the full effect of her teaching. She served God with her whole heart and her reward has been kept in heaven undiminished by



later events. "People may not be grateful, but God is." I said, **"Leading those people to Christ was the task God had for you.** Eventually, they will lead others to Christ. The numbers will multiply. Who knows what may come about in the future because of the souls you have won? **Well done!**"

Cynthia regarded this counsel as her sign from God. Her countenance was transformed before my very eyes. She began to smile through her tears. We prayed together and her relationship with God was changed as she repented in those moments.

Knowing nothing of this, my colleague, Jim Baugh, sensed God's leading the next morning to preach the truth that **nothing can separate us from the Love of God Christ Jesus!** Nowhere did his words ring more sweetly than in Cynthia's heart. Tears of bitterness had become tears of joy. She enthusiastically raised her arms to worship the God of heaven whom she had nearly abandoned less than 24 hours before. At the end of the conference many participants gave us traditional hugs, touching their faces gently to each shoulder. Cynthia was more direct. Rushing forward, she gave me a good old fashioned bear hug. **Hers were not the only tears of joy.**



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*If you would like to give an extra \$50, \$100 or more to **provide scholarships** for pastors in India, please send your check to the address below and include a note indicating your preference for 'The Edmondsons' India Ministry.'*

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Prayer Requests and Praises

Praise God for

- Successful ministry in Indonesia
- 835 prayer supporters!
- 40% committed financial support
- Strong Sept. giving

Pray for

- Spiritual protection and growth for those who accepted Christ in Indonesia.
- That pastors we've ministered to will continue to find encouragement and strength in the Word
- Growth in monthly support.
- Needed funds for India ministries
- Further open doors to present GTN in churches
- Plans for India, and Philippine ministries



The Edmondson's Itinerary

- Oct 3 Superior, AZ & Kearny, AZ
- Oct 10 Salome, AZ & Quartzite, AZ
- Oct 18-20 SWCBA Pastors & Wives Retreat, AZ
- Oct 22 Sun City West (tent)
- Oct 27–Nov 14 India
- Nov 20-21 Floris, IA