



GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP IN INDIA

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Join Daryl Largis on the move with Global Fellowship...



Navigating cities in India can be very challenging, even for lifelong residents. One of the most common ways of getting from one place to the next is to hire a tuk-tuk. A tuk-tuk (pictured above) is basically a motorized tricycle with a rear bench seat.

It is a rare day when the very things held near and dear to the heart are demonstrated with conviction by soon-to-be-former strangers. It is even a rarer day when those same things are embodied by people from a different culture, place and nation who in doing so risk their very lives. Such is the power of the gospel and what it demands of those who are blessed to be called the Church of Jesus Christ. This was my experience when I recently visited India.

I went there as part of Global Fellowship (gfmission.com) representing SCPI. The Chapel is a founding member of Global Fellowship, which is the fulfillment of an idea birthed in the mind and heart of Dr. Dwight Smith, who founded SCPI (Saturation Church Planting International) many years ago. Global Fellowship is a collective of like-minded leaders and churches who seek to enter

into and help complete the task that is the *Missio Dei*—the redemptive mission of God. Since the dawning of time He is at work to reconcile every man, woman and child in the world to Himself through Jesus Christ. The Chapel, therefore, is participating locally, nationally and, as we are able, globally in doing our part as a member of the global church. Specifically speaking, SCPI has been very active in India over the past three decades and even more so in the past handful of years. As such, I was able to join them in what God is doing in and through the Indian church, which echoes our own heartbeat from within The Chapel as they both resonate with the drumbeat of Scripture.

In so many words, it is worth describing this heartbeat, which for many will be familiar but nonetheless worth repeating. First, we embrace and extol

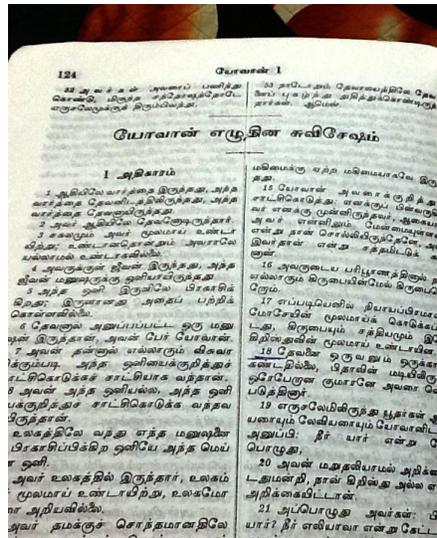
the fact that the power of the Church is the Holy Spirit working in and through all of God's people. This is the beauty of the priesthood of the believer and, therefore, places importance as well as a holy expectation that each member of the Church is important and has a distinct role to play—no one role is more important than another. We are to be reconciled to God in Christ and then represent Him in this world. Second, the primary role of leadership in the Church is to equip and empower God's people. The function of leadership in the Church is to mobilize God's people, His church, such that they can more effectively join Him on His mission. Third, God's people, when reconciled to Himself in Christ, will embrace and embody values that enable them to grow more into the likeness of Christ. These values are an ever-increasing and deepening intimacy with God

the Father, a consistent release of their grace story in the context of God's grace story into all of their relationships; and finally that each knows and grows the expression and utilization of their giftedness. Fourth, is the reality that all of the previous are released into a specified geography such that every man, woman and child in that defined geography is repeatedly exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ because all of God's people are on mission with Him.

So, back to my rarest of rare days while in India. The values that we hold dear, and are working diligently to become a reality, are alive and well in the church of India. They, too, hold these same values tight and, in fact, are living them out in ways we are not, even though in many ways it is much more difficult for them. This was both encouraging and convicting. They have little and face harsher opposition even to the point of death or at least significant danger. We have much and face perhaps embarrassment or estrangement. We, I fear, have become entangled in things that hinder our ability to enter more fully the mission of God in America. I am no different and as a result of seeing the church of India in action have assessed my own walk, my own spiritual fervor and would ask you to do the same. Am I taking steps or am I stagnate? Am I growing spiritually? It matters less where we are given what matters most is where we are headed. Continued progress in the demonstration and declaration of the gospel in and through our lives is the goal. My time in India not only showed me the power of the gospel, but also what faith in action can look like and what it can produce in a people, in a community and in a city. I will discuss some amazing gospel stories in my blog (see thechapel.com/kingdomcome) in the coming weeks, but suffice it to say that churches are being birthed hand over fist in India from evangelism, and not by attraction or redistribution. May it be so for WNY and all across America.

The Mission of Kingdom Come is specifically focused on helping to ensure that every man, woman and child has repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, nationally and globally where The Chapel has influence.

GLIMPSES OF INDIA



God's Word in Tamil



SCPI Conference Banner



Pastors at recent conference

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

— LOCAL CONNECTION —

Interested in getting involved with one of our local ministry partners? Here are some places for you to start serving!

DESTINATION LIFE FELLOWSHIP

22nd Street & Linwood Ave
Niagara Falls, NY 14305
716.297.7799

LOCKPORT CARENET

229 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
716.434.1771
lockportcarenet.com

SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES

PO Box 1013
Williamsville, NY 14231
716.893.1840
sgmworld.org

XCEL LEADERSHIP CENTER

567 Hertel Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14207
716.819.4100 x295
xcellleadershipcenter.com

Are you a professional photographer or writer? XCEL's Kids with Cameras is looking for volunteers to help train tween/teens in photojournalism. For details contact Toni at XCEL.

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Kingdom Come is looking for individuals interested in helping with articles and proofreading for the *KC Chronicles* and *On Mission* magazine. Contact Amy at atartick@thechapel.com if you would like to help!

For a complete list of ministry partners, visit thechapel.com/kingdomcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS —

JULY 19-22

SHAKESPEARE COMES TO (716)

Join Peace of the City as it celebrates its fifth season of Shakespeare with *The Tempest*, playing at Ujima Theater Loft, 545 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY. This is a Pay-What-You-Can event. For more details contact Mark Cerbone at 716.883.2799 or mcerbone@peaceofthecity.org.

AUGUST 4-7, 2013

KINGDOM BOUND

Join thousands of Christians at Darien Lake for incredible worship music, inspiring seminars and kids ministry. A great place to bring family, friends and coworkers who need to meet Jesus. Information on tickets and volunteering can be found at kingdombound.org.