



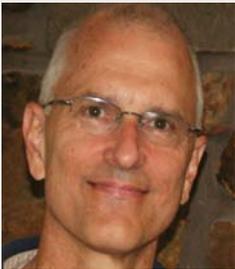
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FROM THE PRESIDENT: REV. SID RICE



In the gospel of Luke, it is recorded that Jesus sent his disciples out, two by two, to every town and village ahead of where he was traveling. The scripture records that the disciples returned with excitement. As they returned, “Jesus told them: I saw satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.” (Luke 10:18, CEV) What an incredible picture this is of Christ’s followers going out in the power of His Spirit.

*Light and Hope
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GOD’S WORD*

We have seen “satan fall from heaven” through the faithful work of those who serve at Literacy and Evangelism International (LEI). The gifts of light and hope are released by God through LEI missionaries, partners, and affiliates across the world as people open and read God’s Word. This

Asia edition shares some highlights of those who are doing incredible Kingdom work through literacy missions.

Pictured below is LEI’s Southeast Asia Director, Dr. Nam-Hyeon Kim. Dr. Kim is one example of a faithful follower walking in the power of God’s Spirit. The following article is an excerpt from a paper written by Dan Young (Michelle) Kim, Dr. Kim’s granddaughter. For a high school writing assignment, Ms. Kim, a student in Fairfax County, Virginia, chose to interview her grandfather, a retired professor who lives half a world away in South Korea. This insightful article highlights the opportunity gaps between those who can and cannot read, and a young woman’s respect for her grandfather’s “devotion to others” and his “determination, sacrifice, and bravery” to share the message of Jesus Christ while addressing the social injustice of illiteracy. Perhaps Ms. Kim will one day, as she suggests, follow the noble path of her grandfather.

RESCUING ILLITERATES: A GRANDDAUGHTER’S PERSPECTIVE

An infinite number of illiterates around the world are held captive in the prison of illiteracy. With the absence of literacy skills, they live a life of despair.

DR. NAM-HYEON KIM travels to countries with high rates of illiteracy. He also creates literacy primers and trains instructors using easy to understand language components. Primers are elementary books that help develop the reading skills of children and adults, and contain rudimentary principles of language instruction.

One unforgettable day, in Dr. Kim’s long career, took place in Bangladesh. He discovered educational conditions were worse than he had expected. He knew that one billion adults cannot read well enough to cope at the level of literacy required in today’s competitive world. Yet, more than 60% of the population in Bangladesh is illiterate. Hoping to extricate people from their prison of illiteracy, he instructed 23 tutors in how to teach the primer to illiterates. That day Dr. Kim met two men in their fifties who had never learned to read and write their mother tongue. He was ashamed of the world that had neglected them, leaving



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them imprisoned in a “non-reading world of darkness, unable to function in the globally competitive world.” He bitterly regretted that he had not helped them sooner.

Dr. Kim taught them the first unit of the primer. After an hour, the men learned to read and comprehend simple sentences in their mother tongue. Dr. Kim would never forget the absolute happiness of the two old men.

In the 1950s, over 50% of the Korean population was illiterate. American missionaries came to Korea and established the Bible Reading Club to teach reading skills using the Bible. As a result, they helped significant numbers of illiterates learn to read. Dr. Kim decided to devote his future to the illiterates around the world. Five years prior to his retirement as a professor, he utilized his time during his summer and winter vacations to travel to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Myanmar, India, Albania, China, and Mozambique. He traveled with Dr. Bob Rice, the founder of Literacy & Evangelism International, an expert who worked in this field over 30 years, and learned about literacy primer development and tutor training.

Today, Nam-Hyeon Kim has traveled to 12 countries that have high rates of illiteracy and has developed nine language primers in Mongolian, Inner Mongolian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Lahu, Hmong, Lao, Kazakhstani, and Burmese.

Written language is the essential component of life because it lays the foundation of education, religion, culture, and communication. People in countries like Bangladesh live unstable and lonely lives when lacking written language skills that enable them to communicate with others. Dr. Kim states, “Illiterates are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Without the ability to read and write, how are they going to make it in this information age?” Illiterates are the most “impoverished, destitute, and taken advantage of population on the face of the earth.” He argues that it is a tragedy that “they are destined to live in darkness, totally unable to function in the globally competitive world.” They are “crying out from their prison of illiteracy.” Hence, Dr. Nam-Hyeon Kim provides them the opportunity to learn their language through reading the Bible while improving the overall quality of life, giving them hope.

Excerpts from Rescuing Illiterates with Nam-Hyeon Kim by Dan Young (Michelle) Kim, March 18, 2012.

LITERACY: INDIA



Students at the Teacher Training Workshop, Hamiltanganj, practice their teaching skills using the Sadri primer.



Gyan Mochary (left) leads a Teacher Training Workshop at Sadri Bible Fellowship, Hamiltanganj, January 2012.

GYAN MOCHARY

Gyan, a 2005 International Literacy Training Institute (ILTI) graduate and LEI missionary, serves in India. He writes, I was “called by Jesus through the word of God, when I was 18 years old, to serve Him among the needy.” A native Boro speaker who lives in District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, India, he speaks and writes Bengali, Hindi, and English, and also speaks Sadri, and Nagamese. As a national missionary, Gyan works among culturally diverse people groups to further the mission of LEI. He has a personal stake in sharing the good news of Jesus with his people.

Countless poor children drop out of school every year and eventually become illiterate adults. Illiterate parents cannot help their children and cannot afford private tutors. Gyan Mochary breaks this cycle of illiteracy in India by providing a tuition-free center for instructing 45 children in Satali Village. He shares the following story:



At age thirty, **Chitra's** desire to complete her education is coming true. Her formal education ended with the fourth standard. Married and the mother of two children, Chitra was illiterate! To fulfill her dream, she enrolled in a literacy class. With great enthusiasm and extra tutoring on the side, she soon left her fellow students behind. She told her tutor, “You have to tutor me till I pass matriculation.” Chitra now reads quite fluently in Bengali and is learning to read English as well. To her tutor's surprise she enrolled in Class 10 in a government school this year. Literacy gives her confidence as it is helping her to reach her educational goals.

CHRYPELLE WÄLCHLI, a 2005 ILTI graduate and LEI missionary, serves in India. A citizen of Great Britain and Switzerland, and a veteran missionary to India and Nepal, she speaks at least five languages -- English, German, French, Greek, and Nepali. Chrystella felt the call of God to become a missionary when she became a Christian at age thirteen. She says, "I am convinced there is no hope for man other than the saving power of Jesus Christ." Her work for LEI consists of developing Bible-content adult literacy materials and training leaders and teachers for literacy programs. She considers literacy, "the work of my heart."

On the outskirts of Dehradun, northern India, people gather to pray and hear and read the word of God. Pastor Hemant told Chrystella that on Christmas Day one literacy student (a middle aged woman with four children, who has never been to school) amazed him as she read a long Bible passage before the congregation of over 300 people. She read so accurately and so well that no one could believe she had only started reading in June.



Chrystella Wälchli (in the pink sari at rear) leads a training workshop.

At a literacy celebration in Hyderabad, Chrystella discovered that within six months -- record time -- the students had completed both volumes of the Nepali primer. "One of the women had never held a pen or read a single letter in her life prior to this," Chrystella writes. "On Sunday the students all read a chapter or more from the Bible before all the people. It was a very proud moment indeed, and it struck me that they were probably more fluent than the rest of the hundred or so members of the congregation. I presented them each with a completely new translation of the Nepali Bible (their first book, received with pride and gratitude). The teachers had good reason to feel proud of their students."

"We find that being able to read significantly improves the social and economic situation of the poor, but most importantly, it enables them to read the Bible by themselves."

GEORG ORT

LEI has created basic readers in over 220 languages. For more information about the 139 primers available for free download, or to find out about those that can be ordered from the Tulsa office, please visit:

<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/resources/materials>



Emily Lodes writes, "Chai reminds me of my first experience in India and Pakistan, drinking chai in every home we visited. It reminds me of college and friends, of cold weather, of cozying up on the couch in our first home with a big warm mug. It's a taste of comfort and good times, and when fall rolls in, I crave its creamy spiced flavors. My husband Tedd first learned how to make chai when he was in India many years ago, being taught by the experts themselves - the Indian homemakers. He later adapted the recipe a bit, with the help of his Indian college roommate, to make the *perfect* cup of chai. Now popular among friends, we brew up this comforting concoction from time to time in our home as a personal extension of warm Asian hospitality."

CREAMY CHAI TEA

Ratios given for 4 cups. Feel free to double the recipe as many times as you want (each person will drink about a cup)

Boil 1 cup of water and 3 cups of milk with:

- 5-10 whole cardamom pods (found in Indian/Asian grocery stores). Grind seeds with mortar and pestle. Add whatever optional spices you want to experiment with.

Optional spices:

- ½ inch of cinnamon bark
- ½ inch of fresh ginger
- A pinch of black pepper
- 1 clove

After that comes to a boil, turn the heat down slightly to a slow boil and add 1 T. of loose black tea (the best is a 50/50 mixture of Assam & Darjeeling Tea...available at any Indian grocery store). Stir continuously for the next 5-10 minutes (note: stirring continuously prevents the milk from sticking or boiling up and over the top of the pot). Lastly, add 4-8 Tbs. of sugar (I usually use about 6 or 7, but some people like it less or more sweet).

Serve with a smile and pray for the light of Christ in India.

Emily shares some other Asian recipes at: <http://emilyshares.blogspot.com>.

While you are sipping this heart-warming beverage, please remember to thank God for your ability to read and implement this recipe, and pray for those who do not have these skills.



The 2012 Bhojpuri Primer Construction Team Leaders - LEI missionaries MK Bharti, Tedd Lodes, Chrystella Wälchli, and Gyan Mochary

FROM GRAVEYARD TO VINEYARD

For years, the Indian state of Bihar has been referred to as the “graveyard of missions.” Many of the first missionaries who went there were driven off or killed and people did not respond to the message of the Gospel. Now, in faith, LEI missionary **M.K. BHARTI** is proclaiming that what has historically been a graveyard will become a vineyard of new believers, nourished by the power of the true vine, Jesus Christ. One of the practical steps he’s taking, to advance the Kingdom of God, is literacy ministry. “We will use literacy as a tool to reach those villages that are resistant to the Gospel, and we will use it among all of our house churches so that the believers can read the Bible and grow in their faith,” says Brother Bharti.

In October, a small group of LEI consultants headed by Gyan Mochary led a team of local believers to develop the first ever Bhojpuri literacy primer. This is important work because there are approximately 90 million Bhojpuri speakers. In 2005, the Bhojpuri New Testament was inaugurated and circulated. Since then, Brother Bharti and other house church leaders have seen the huge need for literacy. Not all believers can actually read their Bibles, so they cannot use it as a tool to draw near to God or to reach out to others in their community. “Only about 20% of the believers in our network of house churches can read and write,” remarks Brother Bharti. Please lift up this new Bhojpuri literacy endeavor so that thousands and thousands can also experience the same joy, blessing, and growth that we do when we spend time in reading God's Word.

~From Tedd Lodes, LEI Latin America Director



Team Artist



The Bhojpuri Primer Construction Team

BOB MULLOY,

LEI Director of Refugee Ministries, writes:

I received an amazing report from our LEI coworker in the Philippines. “C” (his name is undisclosed for safety reasons) and his coworkers completed a two-day ministry in the mountains of Mindanao, Philippines, among needy villagers. To arrive at this destination, they rode up a bumpy mountain path for three hours, at one point needing to cross a river. It’s clear where “C” and his coworkers have their treasure. Listen in: “I was assigned to work with an elderly woman who comes occasionally. I used our LEI primer to assess her reading skills. It was a challenge since I cannot speak the language, though I can understand a lot of it and speak a few phrases. I was able to get through Lesson 1 using the proven LEI patten, with help from God. We finished after 45 minutes, and she was recognizing the two picture words, maiden and water. She told me that she has grandchildren, and I think she was telling me that she drinks clean water. I gave her a thumbs-up sign, and told her ‘very good’ in her language. She smiled warmly after I told her she did so well in reading the two picture words. To God be the glory!”

Our Filipino partner, “C” is piercing the darkness in a hostile environment.

Seven years ago we devised a written alphabet and produced the first book (an LEI primer) for the Ira-nun group that excels in kidnapping! “C” is working on a second Ira dialect now and following up on literacy ministries that we launched in seven other languages. His email of August 22nd snapshots his work: “Last week I spent three days leading a workshop on literacy evangelism. There were 10 participants including youth leaders. They did an action plan and will be using our materials in their upcoming outreaches. I will be in contact for follow up.”

Sharing the love of Jesus through the gift of reading is a way to change lives for eternity.



LITERACY MISSION IN INDONESIA

Date: April 2012

Places: Perapuhun & Kemerahem villages

Langkat, North Sumatra, Indonesia

Result: 20 trained tutors taught 20 non-readers for two months. Many illiterates were pleased and delighted over being able to read, some learners bursting into tears of joy.

TTW STATISTICS: LEI ASIA (2002-2011)

China, Laos, Myanmar, Malaysia, Nepal,
Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, India

YEAR:	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
TRAINEES:	14	84	84	39	68	199	7	106	76	94

TOTAL TRAINEES: 771

In September, **TEDD YORK AND ERIN MENKE**, missionaries from Bible League International (and ILTI 2012 graduates), hosted *Firm Foundations* workshops in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Manila. Workshops were very well received. Here is what some participants said about the experience:

“The Firm Foundations reader and workbook are simple and easy to use amongst the refugees and perhaps the elderly who are illiterate.... Thank you for training us.”

“The thing that helped me most about the workshop was that the methods/steps to teach complete beginners in the book are systematic with the students in mind.”

“The workshop was very informative and gave me a clearer understanding of literacy ministry and how to use the Firm Foundations books.”

What a blessing to see recent ILTI graduates immediately put into practice what they have learned with such positive results.

TTW STATISTICS: GLOBAL LITERACY MISSION AND LEI ASIA (1998-2011)

		Korea						
YEAR:	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
TRAINEES:	13	41	54	10	27	47	104	
YEAR:	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
TRAINEES:	152	86	74	89	208	76	94	

TOTAL TRAINEES: 1075

Sing to the Lord; bless his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!

PSALM 96:2-4 (NLT)

PRAYER REQUESTS

MONDAY: Please pray for **Bob Mulloy and “C”** as they minister in the Philippines and other dangerous places constructing primer materials and training people to use them.

TUESDAY: Please pray for **Dr. Nam-Hyeon Kim** as he works in Southeast Asia, and for the primers he has developed to be used in Laos, Vietnam, Inner Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Russia to glorify God.

WEDNESDAY: Please pray for **Pastor M.K. Bharti** as he plants churches in India and shares the love of Jesus through the gift of literacy. Pray that the primer being constructed in Bhojpuri will be used to teach people to read and to draw others to Christ.

THURSDAY: Please pray for **Gyan Mochary** as he serves in India among the people of West Bengal and for the school he leads in Satali Village .

FRIDAY: Please pray for **Chrystella Wälchli** as she serves in India, constructing literacy materials and training literacy leaders especially among the people of Orissa and Arunachal Pradesh.

WEEKENDS: Please thank our LORD for missionaries serving throughout Asia as they share the message of Jesus through the gift of reading, improving the social and economic situation of the poor, but most importantly enabling them to read the Bible for themselves. Thank our Lord for those who support LEI.

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SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA

International Literacy Training Institute 2013

March 11-22, 2013

Contact: gregory@literacyinternational.net

For more detailed information about **Literacy Trainings and Digital Resources**, please see our website.
<https://www.literacyevangelism.org/resources/training>



Interested in trying something new this Christmas? Please consider blessing an illiterate person with the gift of reading in honor of someone you love. LEI Christmas cards that say, “A gift has been made in your behalf,” are available to be given in lieu of a Christmas gift. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per card. Please contact info@literacyinternational.net for more information.

“Literacy & Evangelism International (LEI) equips the Church to share the message of Jesus Christ through the gift of reading. We develop Bible-content materials to teach basic reading in local languages and conversational English. We train church leaders and missionaries to use LEI materials for evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.”



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