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Lessons learned from saints in Peshawar: How to respond in this crisis

Kirk Kauffeldt, Director GlobalEd

In my February visit to Pakistan, I had the privilege of meeting with a group of pastors from the Peshawar region. This region is heavily influenced by the Taliban and the birthplace of Al Qaeda, a place where the church experiences oppression and persecution. We shared together in a devotional reflection on what ministers should focus on in the face of difficulty and challenge. The passage considered was:

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is **unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is **unseen** is eternal."**

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

My heart was touched as I listened to this resilient and determined group of saints commit to remain distinctively and identifiably Christian in the face of crisis and opposition. One by one

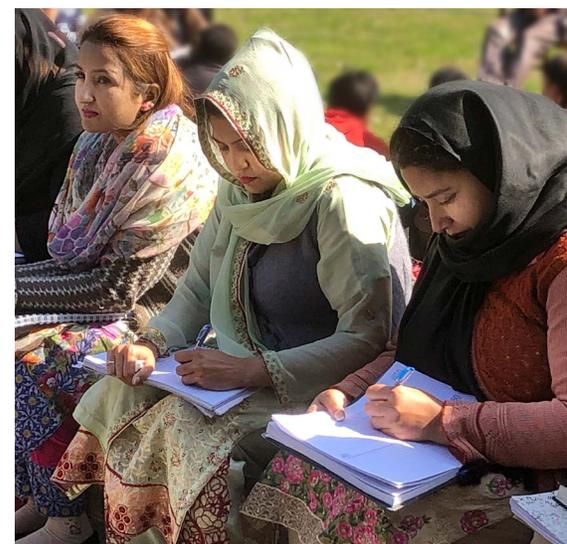
they purposed to remain focused on what is unseen (God at work in the world), even more as the challenge to that work confronts them directly. I was humbled by their conviction to represent God in a context of difficulty.

I had no idea that this encounter would do so much to shape my response to the new realities we face in dealing with the global pandemic.

Am I able to focus with even greater clarity and purpose on the mission of God in the world, and my part in that grand narrative or, am I distracted by what I 'see with my own eyes' right now? How do we maximize the adjustments to location and schedule in order to increasingly get on to God's agenda?

Even amidst the challenges we face, we have several exciting ventures underway. The stories highlighted in this newsletter describe new equipping solutions that we are rolling out. In this challenging season we have a chance to work on

the production of excellent training materials. We are also able to work on strategic initiatives and formalize plans for the months and years ahead. The work we are doing now, in this altered reality, will bear fruit. We will see the glory of God. He is faithful.



Impact Pakistan 2020

For the third year in a row GlobalEd has sponsored a conference for students in training for ministry to strengthen their missional impact. We had a great time together. In the words of one of the organizers of our Pakistan event:

“ I am writing on behalf of the participants of our conference to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your extremely blessed and fruitful ministry among us. You bring different perspectives and much needed freshness to our trainees as well as to the faculty. Our students really enjoyed and highly appreciated

your teachings. I want you to know that you are highly valued and respected by our students and faculty. You are a very gifted teacher who is also full of passion to teach to the future generation of church leaders. The entire community is already looking forward to your next visit.”
—Rev. Dr Maqsood Kamil



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Zambia's unfolding role in global mission

Rainer Mittelstaedt, Leadership Development Specialist
& Les Paulsen, GlobalEd Mission Specialist

“Many years ago, through the commitment and service of faithful men and women, the gospel set foot in the land of Zambia. Since then, the gospel has continued to advance. The day has come where **we Zambians can also participate in sending out labourers into other nations** so that they too will have the opportunity of hearing the gospel, just as we first did!” (Rev. Barry Illunga, Pentecostal pastor, founder of World Outreach Team Action (WOTA), Zambia).

Now a door has opened for WOTA to send Zambian missionaries to the Middle East. Under the leadership of Rev. Illunga, WOTA requested that GlobalEd partner in developing an effective and sustainable cross-cultural missions initiative through Les Paulsen's pre-field cross-cultural training program, Light for the Nations (LfN). In February, one woman and 21 men immersed themselves in the

intensive four-week LfN training in order to mobilize the Zambian church to send out global workers, with both Les Paulsen and Rainer Mittelstaedt providing instruction. Participants included a general superintendent, three leaders with doctoral degrees, pastors of WOTA and the global

workers preparing to go. Les notes, “This was truly a high capacity, visionary group, with great potential to influence this historic move of the Zambian churches beginning to send to the nations!”

Rainer comments, “What a privilege to join the participants in a closing session around the communion table. It was moving! I believe that as this representative group of Zambians dedicated themselves to the cause of world missions, there was a definite shift in the spiritual realm that accompanied this launch. **Let's nurture this positive development!**”



Rev. Barry Illunga, 3rd from right



METP meeting, Nigeria (with Rainer Mittelstaedt)

Training in Nigeria creates hope for problematic regions

"We thank God for the launch of the Ministry Essentials Training Program (METP) here in Nigeria. The Lord strategically drew leaders from different streams including Pentecostal, Baptist and Catholic congregations, there were even nine church leaders who are

servicing in the refugee camps. These camps were established for those displaced by Islamic persecution in the north. Through this training, we believe we are saving the future of the church in Northeastern Nigeria! Hallelujah. A chief of an entire community is also in the

class. The future of the church is in the hands of disciples. With the excellent training provided we are convinced that the church is marching on."

—Pastor David Adesina,
Local METP Co-ordinator,
Abuja, Nigeria

While we have had to put a pause on METP training because of the pandemic, we have people translating the materials into French, Mandarin and Thai so we will be ready to launch METP in Northern Africa, China and Thailand when the all clear is given.

Keeping our focus through the fog—Timothy Funds

Valerie Penney, Manager Timothy Funds

What's your view from your home? During these days of work-from-home, I often look across Conception Bay at Bell Island. Today, as often happens, the fog rolled in and Bell Island disappeared. I wonder during these days of COVID-19 whether we too have lost sight of those things that seemed clearer in better days?

At International Missions, that focus derives from **our strategic vision**. Simply put, IM's commitment is to take the gospel to the world's 'least reached' and to offer hope to those languishing

beneath the burden of abject poverty.

Timothy Funds addresses both of these issues, as these scholarships enable leaders to be equipped to **take the gospel to the 3.1 billion 'least reached'** of our world by equipping those who live amongst the least reached (like our college in Ethiopia or Nepal) and those called from other areas to minister among the least reached. Timothy Funds also enable leaders to be equipped to bring hope to those with little access to the basic necessities of life. Often, these two

groups heavily overlap. That means that bringing the **good news must come with care for those living in poverty**.

A \$600 Timothy Fund Scholarship will enable a leader to be equipped for ministry through a formal training college, providing overseers for fellowships, church planters and global workers. Its supporting students like Bishnu studying at Nepal Theological College and passionate about extending God's kingdom in her country. **Will you support students like Bishnu** with a Timothy Fund scholarship today?

Bishnu, Timothy
Fund Recipient 2018
& 2019 (Nepal)





Listening to the needs of African bible colleges

Nancy Gibson, Manager of Global Worker Training



"As I listened to the greatest needs in training the next generation of African leaders, I was amazed to realize how similar their challenges are to ours. Students are arriving with less biblical literacy, less spiritual formation and greater needs. I was equally impressed with their solutions: forming intentional community, mentoring relationships and biblical teaching. This brought home to me how critical the work is that we do in our bible colleges, our churches and even our homes as we develop the next generation of leaders for the Canadian and global church."

Just before COVID-19 sent Nancy into isolation with her husband and three young children, and before she needed to re-invent our annual global worker training event to online delivery, Nancy had the opportunity to travel to Kenya to participate in meetings with the Africa Pentecostal Theological Education Association. With so many experiences unique to her first trip to Africa, here's what stood out most:



Les Paulsen with Zambian students

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