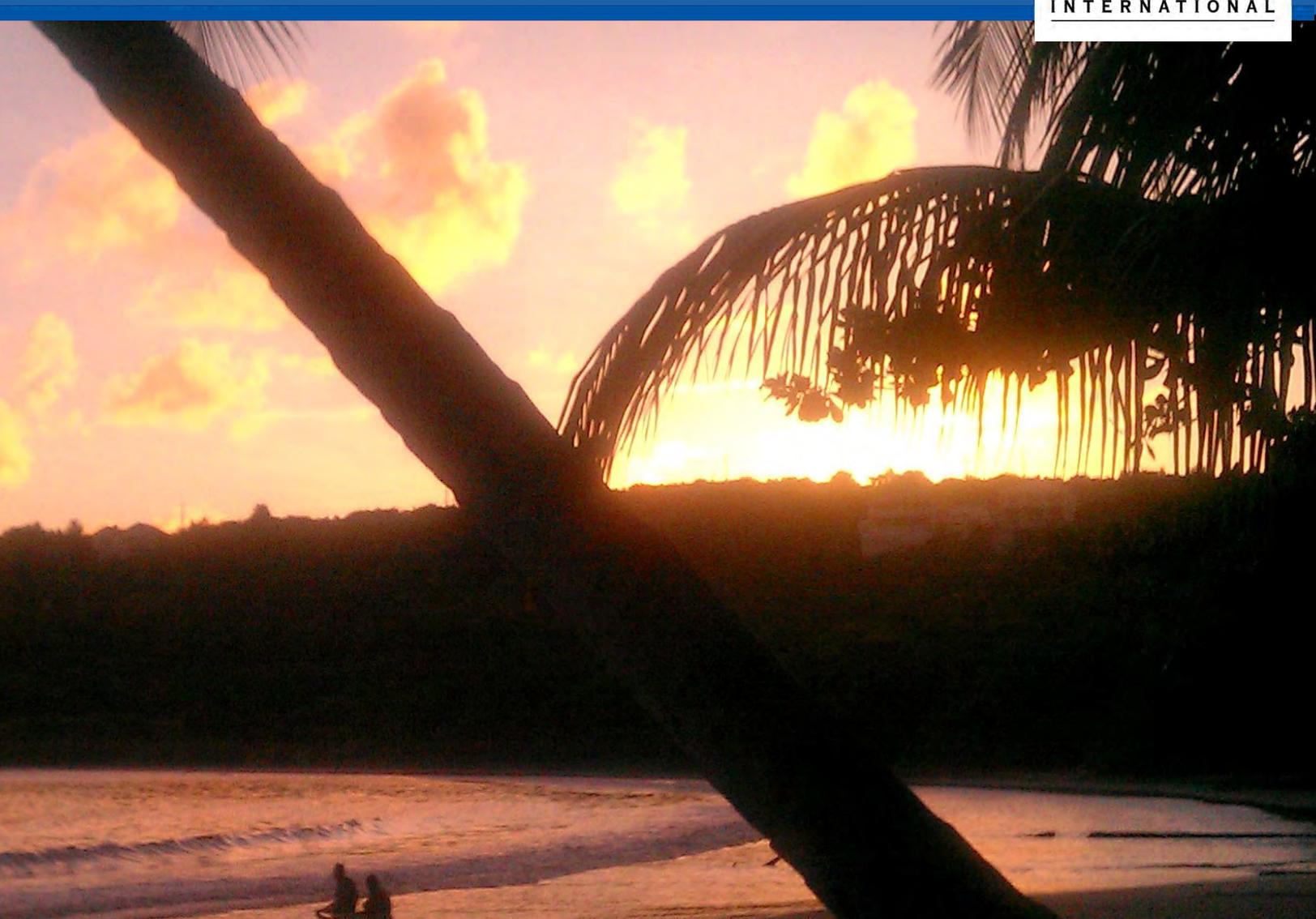


# BCMWorld

An Inside Look at BCM Global Ministries



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# BRAVING LIONS, HYENAS AND HIV TO REACH ZIMBABWE'S CHILDREN

By: Jeanette Windle with Arnold Maviya

Zimbabwe (*BCM World*) — It had already been a long day for BCM Zimbabwe missionaries Arnold and Paulin Maviya. After finishing up a children's ministry event in the remote village of Gokwe, they'd headed their elderly van back down the dirt road towards their home in Victoria Falls. But the road was deeply rutted and rocky, and eight hours later, they'd covered only 120 kilometers (80 miles). Growing hunger impelled them at last to stop the vehicle. Building a small fire, they began preparing a simple meal.

That was when sharp, insane cries informed the couple that they were not alone. A grotesquely misshapen furred creature slunk into the fire light. Then another. Hyenas drawn by the scent of cooking meat. As a full half-dozen skulked into view, Arnold picked up an axe, standing protectively over his wife as she hurried to finish her cooking.

"I had a busy day that time," Arnold shares simply. "Fear was also over all my body, but we could do nothing but finish cooking, then leave the place."

Arnold's brother Garikai, also a BCM missionary, was walking the ten kilometers to another children's ministry when a pride of lions raced into sight. Fortunately, he was sharing the landscape with a herd of cattle. While Garikai managed to escape unharmed, the lions slaughtered six cows.

Fending off hyenas, walking ten kilometers through lion country, taking elderly vehicles into remote terrains never designed for tires are just a few of the challenges facing the leadership team of BCM's newest ministry field, Zimbabwe. They count the rewards to far outweigh the challenges. Ten thousand children hearing the good news of Jesus Christ. Whole families placing their faith in Jesus Christ. Entire villages being changed by the impact of the gospel.

A landlocked country situated just north of South Africa, Zimbabwe was once the white-ruled republic of Rhodesia. Since attaining full independence in 1980, Zimbabwe has been under the rule of President Robert Mugabe. While Zimbabwe is rich in exploitable minerals and home to a major tourist attraction, the famed Victoria Falls, political violence, extreme income inequality, high unemployment, lack of clean water, adequate nutrition, or health services have left Zimbabwe with one of the planet's lowest life expectancies. All aggravated by an AIDS epidemic that has left almost 20% of the population HIV positive.

If there is hope, it remains in the only Source who has ever changed troubled countries--and hearts.



BCM Zimbabwe Ministry Vehicle on Typical Road



BCM Zimbabwe director Arnold & wife Paulin Maviya

BCM Zimbabwe director Arnold Maviya was born in 1977 into a Christian home. But personal faith didn't come until after he'd finished his university education when he met a pastor who for the first time explained to Arnold the person of Jesus Christ in a way that seemed real. Accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior, Arnold soon felt God calling him to ministry. Through one-on-one evangelism, he started a church in the town of Victoria Falls. The church grew.

Then in 2003 Arnold met an American Christian, Stephen Fiske, who was interested in reaching children in the slums around Victoria Falls. With almost half Zimbabwe's population under age 15, Arnold too was quickly gripped by the urgency of reaching this vulnerable segment of the population. Most of the children they encountered were very poor, fortunate if they could eat once a day, lacking clean drinking water

in their villages, or uniforms and supplies to attend school. By then Arnold had already started two more churches in Victoria Falls and nearby rural areas. As Arnold's focus shifted to children's outreach, his brother Garikai helped with pastoral responsibilities during his absences.

Interlink Children Ministry Zimbabwe was formally organized in 2005. God raised up a team of 8+ other leaders to join Arnold, including his brother Garikai, Innocent Sibanda who pastors and works with children in Victoria Falls, Samuel and Susan Gama who serve in children's ministry and pastor a church in the town of Masvingo, along with children's ministry trainers Solomy Shumba, Mavis Phiri, Leonard Mlauzi, and Arnold's own wife Paulin. Married in 2008, Arnold and Paulin now have one daughter.

In April 2013, ten of the Interlink team attended BCM Africa's missionary candidate orientation in South Africa and were commissioned as BCM's first missionaries in Zimbabwe. What led them to join BCM? Arnold Maviya shares one reason: "We felt the need to belong to a bigger organization, so that we will be covered in prayer by many people."

With BCM International's own heritage of reaching the 4-14 Window (that age between 4-14 when over 80% of those who respond to the gospel accept Christ as Savior), it is a privilege to welcome the Zimbabwe team into the BCM ministry family. Interlink's chief focus is training children's ministry leaders to work with children and to start Bible clubs and children's churches. To date the team has started more than 500 Bible clubs, mostly in rural areas and small towns, with a total attendance of over 10,000.



BCM Zimbabwe— children's rally

For a typical children's training outreach, several Interlink trainers arrive at a central location or village for five days. Arnold explains, "We train local Christian leaders how to build relationships with children, how to tell Bible stories in an interesting way, focusing on truth, challenging children to receive Jesus. After each training session, we go with trainees into the villages to show them how it is done with children. On the last day of our training, all the children reached during the five days are invited to the central gathering point for a special celebration. By the end of training, each trainee will have a group of children they will continue with after we've left. We encourage them to bring these children to church and ask the local church pastor to monitor and encourage these children's workers."

Countless lives throughout remote villages of Zimbabwe have already been touched through the Interlink team's outreach. Among them the family of one young Bible club student. Infected with HIV through nursing her own mother, the girl returned to her grandmother's village in the remotest area of the region. Only 17 when she died, her last words were that God had told her to start a church there. When her grandmother shared her petition with Interlink missionaries, they arranged for a ministry team to visit the village. The result was a church that is now the largest of Interlink's ministry outreaches.



Children's event in the dust

Another family approached BCM missionary Garikai, Arnold's brother. Two of their family members, a father and young son, had gone suddenly insane, hitting, biting, eating strange objects and metal, until they'd grown so violent they had to be put in chains. Accepting the family's plea to visit their village, Garika prayed for the pair. Both were instantly healed and gave their hearts to Christ. Today the father SaMpumelelo is a deacon in the church that grew up there, while his young son Mpumelelo uses his literacy skills to read the Bible to elderly villagers who cannot read.

With so much poverty, the Interlink team addresses physical as well as spiritual needs, holding feeding programs in conjunction with Bible clubs, raising funds to buy school uniforms, Bibles and other needs. But so much more remains to be done. The BCM Zimbabwe field shares two specific goals and prayer needs:

**Training Center:** The Zimbabwe team's ultimate vision is to build a bigger team that will be able to reach more people. A vital step to making this happen is a central facility where leaders could be brought in for training, alleviating the current hazards and difficulties of traveling all over the country.

[Click here to donate towards the Training Center.](#)

**Bore Well Project:** A major contributor to child mortality is the dirty water that is all many villages have for drinking and cooking. A single bore well will can provide enough clean water for 200 families. It also permits families to grow cultivate garden produce for their own nutrition and to sell.

For all the needs, BCM Zimbabwe director Arnold Maviya emphasizes, "In Zimbabwe, our greatest need is to reach people with the gospel." And that is just what the BCM Zimbabwe team is doing on a daily basis.

[Click here to donate towards the Bore Well Project.](#)



Dirty drinking water

# "I JUST SAID YES!"

By: Lisa Biegert

Bangladesh (*BCM World*) — Ask BCM missionary Stan Tyson how he got involved with Bangladesh. His answer: "I just said 'yes' when God opened the door!"

In early 2012, Stan Tyson and his wife Mary Ann had flown from their home base in Pennsylvania, USA, to Bangladesh, to visit a daughter who

works in that small Asian country. Beyond a family vacation, their only agenda was to hand-ferry back to the USA a copy of *In Step with the Master Teacher*, BCM's children's ministry leadership training curriculum, newly translated in Bengali. Little did Stan know God had something much larger in mind!

Bangladesh lies just to the east of India bordering on the Bay of Bengal. It has been said that to understand the country, one should picture the US state of Nebraska, but filled with half of United States' entire population. Then flood one-third of that state for part of the year to visualize the Bangladeshi wet season. Add widespread poverty, low life expectancy, political and bureaucratic corruption, a high illiteracy rate, and an oppressed Christian minority for a picture of modern-day Bangladesh.

Among Stan's memories arriving in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, is the noise of millions of car horns. One of the world's most densely populated cities with 15 million residents, Dhaka is known as the Rickshaw Capital of the World for its 400,000+ rickshaws (a cart on wheels pulled by a man) darting in and out of traffic. Mingling five times a day with street noises is the Muslim call to prayer.

Islam is the country's official religion with 90% of Bangladeshis identified as Muslim. Of the remaining 10%, most are Hindu with a tiny minority of .7% identifying themselves as Christians. Though permitted by law to worship publicly, Christians are routinely denied certain rights such as access to public wells or freedom of speech to share their faith. Despite oppression, the Christian community in Bangladesh has experienced steady growth.

Stan was to pick up the ISMT translation from a man who goes simply by the name Gideon. In such a densely populated city, it was a pleasant surprise to discover that the building where Gideon both lived and had his office was located just seven blocks from where the Tysons were staying. There over a traditional Bangladesh tea and refreshments, Stan met Gideon and his team for the first time.



Stan Tyson with Translator teaching ISMT in Bangladesh



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Newly Trained Bangladesh Master Trainers Teaching ISMT

“We each shared our part in the story of how God orchestrated the translation of ISMT into Bengali,” Stan remembers. “It was amazing how God brought together two people from opposite sides of the world.”

Gideon shared his own vision to reach Bangladeshi children with the Gospel of Christ. A full one-third of his country's population is under the age of fifteen. But the focus of Christian ministry has been traditionally on adults. Many Bangladeshi pastors have not even seen a need for children's ministry. Gideon had earlier met BCM International's Children's Ministry Director, Esther Zimmerman, at a global children's ministry conference.

“We shared a passion for reaching and discipling the world's 2.2 billion children and for envisioning and equipping leaders,” says Zimmerman. “Gideon and his team had already been involved in children's ministry training on a national scale, but recognized the systematic and comprehensive value of *In Step with the Master Teacher* material.”

A program that covers twenty-two hours of children's ministry leadership training, ISMT focuses four core sessions on teacher, students, Bible lesson, and program respectively with eighteen additional satellite sessions. Already translated into almost two dozen languages, it was not yet available in Bengali. Gideon requested to be able to take ISMT back to Bangladesh and have it translated.

That same year of 2010 was also the year Stan Tyson became a BCM missionary, his principal role to work with the ISMT training ministry across the United States. With a daughter working in Bangladesh, he'd been interested to hear of ISMT being translated into that country's principal language, even more so to meet Gideon and hear of his plans for using ISMT. The only foreseeable problem with the translation: someone was needed to teach how to use it.

BCM's core strategy for ISMT has always been that of multiplication. Which means not just training children's ministry leaders, but training regional trainers to train their own leaders. This is typically done through a three-day conference called Train the Trainer. In November of 2012, just a few months after their first visit, Stan along with Mary Ann returned to hold the first Train the Trainer (TTT) event in Bangladesh. They were joined by Barb Van Vaulkenburg, a BCM England missionary with TTT experience. With the help of translators, Stan and Barb taught seventeen Bangladeshi candidates how to use this innovative program.

The next step before Tysons headed home was for the new Master Trainers to set up their own ISMT conference. While Stan would be on hand to give direction where needed, the Bangladeshis would do the training. The new trainers set up two ISMT workshops over the next few days. For Stan it was exhilarating to see the multiplication process in full display. Not only were these new trainers well-equipped, they spoke the Bengali language and knew the culture.

“They were better teachers in that setting than Barb or I ever could be,” Stan enthusiastically reports. “They had already doubled the number of people with some level of ISMT training before I left the country.”

Since then in just thirteen months, the new Bangladeshi Master Trainers have already trained about five hundred people in the ISMT program. But the vision for BCM ministry in Bangladesh hasn't stopped there. Every two years the Christian community in Bangladesh holds a national conference with about four hundred children's workers from a variety of denominations attending. During his 2012 visit, Stan Tyson had opportunity to share a devotional at that conference. The next conference is scheduled for late 2014 and Stan has now been invited back to be the key note speaker, using ISMT material.

This offers both an opportunity and a challenge. With average daily wages in Bangladesh just a few US dollars, the \$15US conference fee can be as much as a week's wages. One of Stan's goals is to not only raise his own funds for the trip, but to sponsor children's ministry leaders who might not otherwise be able to attend.

[To contribute to Stan Tyson's travel fund or sponsor a conference scholarship, click here.](#)



Newly Trained Bangladesh Master Trainers Teaching Their First ISMT Course



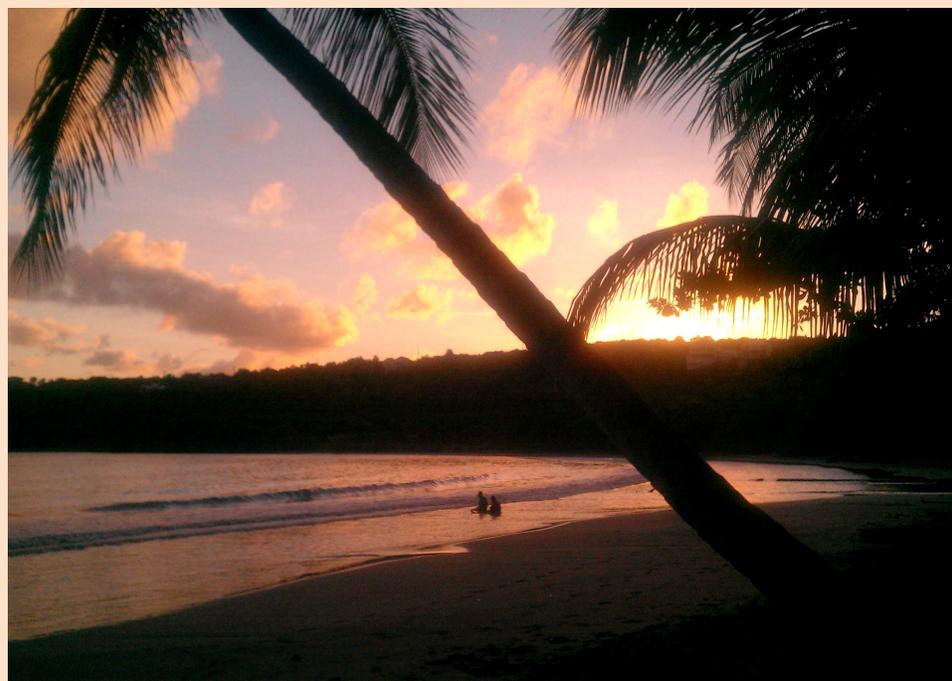
Kings with Graduating ISMT Class, Grenada

# BRINGING GOOD NEWS TO GRENADA

By: Jane King

Grenada (*BCM World*) — Where can a BCM missionary enjoy warm tropical breezes, miles of sugar fine white sand and nutmeg, along with the privilege of sharing God's word and serving God's people? Try the spice isle of Grenada.

Southernmost in a chain of volcanic islands off the coast of Venezuela, Grenada has a history complemented by a vibrant fusion of African and European cultures. The small nation is best known for being a major source of nutmeg, mace, cloves, cinnamon and cocoa as well as a popular destination for cruise ships and beach enthusiasts. Even more pleasurable than its scented breezes is the rich hospitality of its 110,000+ residents.



Grenada Sunset

So, how did Bible Centered Ministries come to Grenada? In March of 2010, BCM missionary Dick McCloy was representing BCM at a Columbia International University missions conference in Columbia, South Carolina. There he met John Lewis, a CIU graduate who had recently moved to Grenada with his wife Denise to establish a Bible School called Grenada Institute of Theological Education. John shared an urgent need he'd become aware of as he worked with the Grenada churches: "We are losing our children in Grenada. We desperately need your help."

With that clarion call, BCM responded. BCM's children's ministry training course *In Step with the Master Teacher* prepares leaders to disciple children like Jesus did—by modeling, building relationships, teaching truth and challenging for response. That July, 2010, BCM Master Trainers Stephen and Jane King traveled to the spice isle to partner with GITE in its first children's ministry training course.

In their first week, the Kings trained more than fifty students using *In Step with the Master Teacher*. The following week, many of those students returned for the next level of instruction, Train The Trainer (TTT), which prepares leaders in using ISMT to train others, a multiplication ministry model that is key to preparing enough leadership to reach this planet's more than 2.2 billion children.

That first trip in July, 2010, formed the beginning of what has become a dynamic partnership between BCM and the Grenada Institute of Theological Education. The next month following that first training course, GITE sent a dozen students to another island nation, St. Vincent, where they in turn trained other children's ministry workers. In addition, many students carried the ISMT training back to their own home churches. Another BCM missionary, Dr. Homer Heater, also traveled to Grenada to work with GITE as guest lecturer and Bible teacher.

Then in 2011, John Lewis was asked by Grenada's Minister of Education to implement a values education curriculum for the entire country. Through BCM's participation in Global Children's Forum, the Kings were able to connect John with *Character Solutions*, a biblically based program, that has now been implemented in Grenada's public schools.



Stephen and Jane King  
in Grenada

In February, 2012, the Kings returned to Grenada. A new GITE training center had been established in Grenville on the eastern coast of the island. There the Kings introduced many new students to *In Step With the Master Teacher* as well as *Train The Trainer*. In addition, the Kings traveled to the neighboring island of Carriacou (part of the nation of Grenada) to teach the ISMT course.

Carriacou covers approximately thirteen square miles, with a population of about 7,000. If asked about their faith, the majority would consider themselves Christian because they attend either the Anglican or Catholic church once or twice a year. According to local pastors, attendance at the small island's evangelical churches numbers less than two hundred. Church leadership expressed what a great encouragement they found BCM's willingness to come there.

The first training in Carriacou was attended by twenty students. By the end of the course, they were discussing excitedly how they could plan to reach the children of Carriacou. A final course question asked: "After exploring God's word and receiving training on how to share the Gospel with children and disciple them more effectively, what would keep you from reaching the children through the schools and outreach programs in your churches?"

Their unified response: "NOTHING!!!"

One church shared that their entire children's program only had an average of eight students, and that they were not currently implementing any of the methodologies taught during the training. They committed to putting into practice what they'd learned and set a goal of reaching fifty children in the neighborhood. Eight months later, the Kings returned to Grenada and Carriacou to follow up and encourage students and churches that had already received training and to continue expanding the ministry. One Sunday the Kings were visiting the church that had complained of its tiny children's program when they were asked to take over the children's Sunday school time. What a surprise to see more than fifty children in attendance! That church is now planning to expand their outreach in the community and has set a new goal of reaching a hundred children.

During this trip, while on Carriacou, Stephen and Jane took a boat ride to the neighboring island of Petite Martinique to visit a new church plant with roughly thirty new believers. Stephen preached, and Jane and Steve taught an all-day ISMT seminar with twenty-five adults in attendance. The group had planned to go to the beach after the seminar to hold a baptism service. Unfortunately, due to intense local hostility and concerns for repercussions of discrimination and economic harassment, the baptism was cancelled. These new believers would deeply appreciate prayer that they would remain firm in boldly sharing their faith.

On the main island of Grenada, training continues to expand to new areas, including the town of Sauteurs at the northernmost end of the island. While teaching an evening course in Sauteurs, the Kings were deeply challenged by the dedication of their students. Public transportation between Sauteurs and other towns closes down early. Two students who had heard Stephen preach two weeks earlier came all the way from Grenville (more than 13 miles away). Though they had no transport, they were determined to attend and simply started walking. They didn't miss a single evening, and each day God provided help for them to get back and forth.

The King's most recent visit to Grenada was in October/November, 2013, to teach a ministry leadership course based on the life of Moses at the GITE campus in Grenada's capital, St. George's. Participants came from all over the island to attend the course.

Since that first Grenada trip in 2010, Stephen and Jane King have witnessed the vision to reach every child in Grenada with the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread throughout churches of this island nation. But the challenges involved in coordinating this effort remain great. On the main island alone, there are sixty primary schools and twenty secondary schools with about 40,000 students.

BCM is working in partnership with GITE to develop national leadership and create a children/youth worker program. The goal is to recruit and equip enough volunteer children's workers to establish and staff Bible clubs in each of the nation's schools. Much has been accomplished, but there is much more work to do--*"therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:38 ESV)



Grenada, Isle of Spice



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# Rev. Dr. Vararuchi Franz Dalavai—1940-2014:

## An "Unlikely Moses"

By Chris Martin and Jeanette Windle

Hyderabad, India (BCM World) — “I prayed like Moses prayed. I said ‘Lord, why did you give me all this? Leave me alone!’”

When Chris Martin received word that Rev. Dr. Vararuchi Dalavai had passed into the presence of his heavenly Father on January 14, 2014, in Hyderabad, India, he remembered vividly sitting across from Vararuchi several years earlier, listening to those statements.

And his own surprise.

After all, Chris had been assigned this interview as a new BCM journalism intern because Dr. Vararuchi Dalavai was BCM’s Senior Executive Vice-President of International Ministries. It had been under this man’s leadership that BCM India alone had grown to more than 16,000 churches, 400,000 baptized believers, and nearly a half-million children in Bible clubs and Christian education. Vararuchi went on to explain himself.

Unlike most families in his homeland of India, the Dalavais represented Christian roots three generations strong. Vararuchi’s great-grandfather had been a Hindu priest who, after accepting Christ, stepped down from that position to become an evangelical minister. His father served faithfully as a minister for 67 years. Because of harsh sacrifices his family experienced, Vararuchi opted for a different occupation. After a fine education, he settled into a high-paying office job, which allowed Vararuchi, his wife Veronica and three children to lead a comfortable lifestyle.

But as with Moses, God had different plans for Vararuchi. “Of all people,” Dr. Dalavai shared, “Moses was called by name and asked to lead the people of Israel out of bondage, the greatest challenge a human being could face.”

Vararuchi’s own ‘burning bush’ experience did not come until he became seriously ill. While lying prostrate and helpless on a hospital bed, he told God, “I think I’m done. You win. You do what you want.” Later he would say, “That’s where I made my commitment. When I came back, I resigned and never looked back.”

This conscious decision to follow wherever God called led Dr. Vararuchi to study God’s Word in Canada. The cold climate, different food, and loneliness were a struggle. He would see his wife and children only once during the whole three-year period. But Vararuchi came to see God’s purpose. “That was what God did with Moses. He had to train him. Though Moses went to school in Egypt, God had to bring him back to Mt. Sinai so he could be more fit to lead the children of Israel out of bondage.”



Rev. Dr. Vararuchi  
Franz Dalavai

After receiving a degree in Bible from Winkler Bible Institute in Manitoba, Vararuchi returned to his homeland. In 1974 he joined BCM International, then the Bible Club Movement, becoming BCM's second appointed missionary to the subcontinent of India. Vararuchi's first ministry assignment was teaching children's Bible Clubs, bicycling to schools and churches. His goal was simple—to effectively teach God's Word and win young children to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Soon, he found himself teaching 24 Bible Clubs every month.



Dr. Dalavai baptizing August 25, 2011

Despite this apparent success, a problem was causing increasing restlessness within Dr. Vararuchi. Hundreds were accepting Jesus Christ as Savior, but there were no spiritual leaders to pastor them. In 1982, Dr. Vararuchi responded to this dilemma by expanding his ministry from Bible teaching to church planting. With no local church model to follow, he began by organizing prayer cells among groups of believers. As the Holy Spirit began to work within them, prayer cells grew into Bible Study groups, which eventually emerged into thriving congregations. The movement spread like a fierce wildfire until a church was being planted every month, then every week.

The fire spread when Vararuchi reached out to neighboring countries such as Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, then into the continent of Africa. Vararuchi would eventually preach and teach in 51 countries on five continents, baptizing personally more than 100,000 new believers over the course of his ministry.

Vararuchi received his Doctorate in Theology (Th.D) from Clarksville School of Theology, USA, and Doctorate of Divinity from Hindustan Bible College, Chennai, India. Appointed in 2000 as SEVP of International Ministries for BCM, he gave leadership to BCM ministries across Asia, Europe, Africa, and Latin America.

"He was a giant for the Kingdom," states accurately one of BCM's international board members.

Current BCM board chairman, Rev. Johnny Henderson, who had the privilege of ministering for decades with Vararuchi, adds: "Because of its worldwide scope with more than seven hundred missionaries serving in over fifty countries across five continents. it has been said that 'the sun never sets on BCM ministry.' One of the reasons that statement is true today is in great part due to the vital work of Dr. Dalavai."

Though serving God was not always easy or safe. During his decades of ministry, Vararuchi was beaten, shot at, smuggled out of town in the dead of night under a death threat, slept on dusty roadsides. Whether experiencing persecution, overcoming obstacles against his ministry, or even problems with coworkers, it seemed not a single day went by absent of some form of difficulty.

As Vararuchi shared with Chris Martin, it was at times like these that he identified so emphatically with Moses' desire to be released from the weight of his calling. Was he losing the battle? Was he even in the right ministry? Just as Moses walked through the desert with the nation of Israel, many times Dr. Vararuchi found himself simply walking, desperately clinging to the faith that God was indeed leading him to a place where he could effectively serve the Lord.

Yet through it all, he was able to see God's faithfulness. To Dr. Vararuchi, the most rewarding aspect of his ministry was observing firsthand thousands of churches emerge from nothing, hundreds of thousands come to accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. And to witness the profound impact of Jesus Christ on countless lives.

In his later years, Vararuchi occasionally considered the possibility of retirement. Those who knew and loved him didn't take it too seriously. At age 73, he was still tirelessly preaching, teaching, and traveling in ministry when a routine surgery in Hyderabad, India, turned into the infection that took his life. During his forty-day illness, family members traveled across oceans to be with him, including his three adult children and their own children, all living in the US.



Vararuchi's youngest son Sanjay shares how even in illness his father never ceased his concern for the churches and believers, how he prayed with his children and grandchildren, his joy in the hymns his young grandchildren sang for him in the hospital room. "My father was not just a great ministry leader and visionary. He was a family man. He loved his family. He left a legacy to our family to allow God to work through us, to follow up with how Dad has lived his life."

At midnight on January 14, 2014, Vararuchi stepped into the presence of the heavenly Father he had served so long and passionately. Honoring his request, he was laid to rest at Ebenezer Prayer Center, BCM India's central camp and conference center outside of Hyderabad, not far from the prayer tower where he'd spend so many hours. Hundreds traveled to participate in the ceremonies, including BCM president Dr. Martin Windle, president emeritus Dr. Bob Evans, and BCM board member Dick McIntyre. Countless more from twenty-two countries as widespread as the UK, Italy, Ukraine, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Peru, USA, New Zealand, Brazil, Haiti, France joined in through a live streaming of the services.

Vararuchi Dalavai's legacy will not soon be forgotten. A memorial statement from BCM's International Board sums up that legacy for hundreds of thousands who knew him:

"Through his many years of faithful service, Dr. Dalavai has touched lives, churches, and nations. Dr. Dalavai was a man of honor, of integrity, a visionary. His insight challenged us all to reach beyond ourselves and to depend on God by faith in order to accomplish the extraordinary for God's Kingdom. His dedicated service to the spread of the Gospel, to missions, to evangelism, to church planting, to discipleship has been a display of tireless commitment. His unwavering faithfulness to his Lord and to the work of the ministry inspired each one of us. His resolute convictions based on the Word of God helped to guide us, his enthusiasm encouraged us, his uncompromising courage in the face of adversity amazed us.

We loved him as a brother and a friend, respected him as a colleague and were privileged to partner with him in the vital work of the Lord. As we remember our dear brother, we as the BCM International Board, gratefully remember the life and legacy of our colleague, and do commit, in partnership with each of you, to further the work of Christ around the world as set forth by the command of Christ and the faithful example of our dear friend, Dr. Vararuchi Dalavai."

In furtherance of that commitment, the "Reach India Dr Dalavai Memorial Fund" has been established, dedicated to evangelism, church planting, children's ministry and other outreach in India.

[Click here to donate to the Reach India Dalavai Memorial Fund](#)



BCM prayer tower