



Because the Harvest Is Come!

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“For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” MARK 4:28-29 (KJV)



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Jesus described the proclamation and growth of God’s kingdom as the way corn grows in a field; first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear.

He also made an interesting observation when He said, “For the earth brings forth fruit of herself.”

Having just returned from an inspiring and exciting visit to 10 indigenous ministries that we partner with in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, I can testify to the fact that Jesus’ statement is coming to pass in these nations in amazing ways!

Furthermore, by the time this editorial is read we will have finished with our first itinerary of an Iranian speaker on behalf of a great evangelistic work which is impacting the nation of Iran.

Iran, India, Nepal and Bangladesh—these are the nations among others in the 10/40 window (those nations with the most need for evangelization) that are experiencing exponential growth in souls coming to the Lord. Because, as our Lord declared, there comes a point in the growth of the Word of God in men’s souls, when the time for *the Harvest is Come!*

For years there have been faithful martyrs, who “loved not their lives unto death” (Rev. 12:11), and those suffering saints who endured the horrors of persecution, rejection, imprisonment and torture for Christ—I liken this to the “blade” period.

In Nepal (a former Hindu kingdom), for years on a large scale Christians were put into prisons, tortured and thrown out of their villages because of their faith. Yet, Christians there persevered and continued to preach the Gospel.

Men that I met recently, such as Resham Raj of Gospel Outreach Centre and Sundar Thapa of the Evangelical Christian Fellowship of Nepal, were imprisoned and beaten numerous times for their faith along with many others, but they persevered. Their faith and their missions grew and believers and churches multiplied in Nepal from a few thousand to hundreds of thousands—the “ear,” if you will. The same has happened in other countries such as India and is beginning to happen in Iran and the Middle East.

And as soon as there comes a saturation point—Jesus referred to it as the “full corn in the ear”—



then the most exciting and glorious time for the church happens—**REVIVAL**—*“Because the Harvest is Come!”* When the Harvest is come, the Lord puts in His sickle. The development of the “blade” and the “ear”—the growth of the church—happens in the dark times, the difficult times. Christians in many nations have come through these periods in many nations including India, Russia, Nepal, Cambodia, China and Iran. In the mean time, as our Lord said, “For the earth brings forth fruit of herself.”

Many peoples in these 10/40 window nations are crying out for God. There are multitudes of people who are open, hungry and thirsty for the message of the Saviour. The people are ready and the time is now!

Everywhere in Nepal, the Christians were saying to me—the time is now! In India and Iran and other nations in the Middle East, the Christians are saying the “the time is now!” Many of the people are tired of the man-made “religions.” They are searching for the true and living God, they are searching for meaning and a living “relationship.” And the indigenous missionary movements know this and by the response they are getting, they are saying “the time is now,” because the time of harvest has come, because the people are ready. But they need more labourers, more equipment—more nets!

We won’t hear this on CNN or CBC, but if you talk to Christians in these countries and to their leaders, they will tell you “the other side of the story” about their nations, and about the great opportunities that exist right now for the Gospel.

And now we see what Jesus described as the “full corn in the ear”—the multitudes of pioneer indigenous mission groups now sending gospel workers from within their own nations.

So the Harvest is ready in many nations. What are we to do? Jesus our Lord also said, the “harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” He told us to pray and to join with God in sending forth the labourers into the Harvest.

There is also urgency in this time. Because the ripened fruit will spoil if left unharvested—or worse yet, the servants of the evil one may steal the harvest.

This witness in every nation, this Harvest, needs



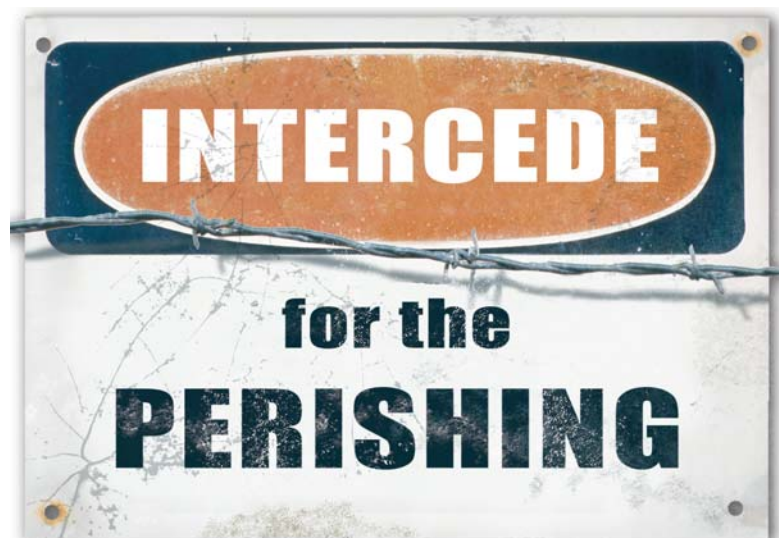
the ministry of the Reapers, the ones with the “sickle” for the evangelization of the souls of men. Our Lord Jesus Christ is calling and commissioning an army of reapers to bring in the immediate harvest.

This issue of our magazine focuses on some of the many amazing ways this Great Harvest is being reaped around the world. Over our next three issues we will be focusing on more of the exciting details of exactly what is happening in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and other nations such as Iran and Pakistan and the Central Asian republics and Turkey—the Gateway nations—which are experiencing an unprecedented time of visitation from the Lord.

It is our privilege to be partners with our Lord in this glorious end-time company, because the Harvest is come!

“The Lord gave the Word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it”:

PSALM 68:11 (KJV)



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