

HISTORIC CAMPAIGN IN MUMBAI

Reaping A Mega Harvest

Dear missions partner,

I have just returned from the closing ceremony for the mega city media saturation campaign that concluded on January 15. The many testimonies and stories from pastors still linger in my mind. My heart is full with rejoicing to the Lord. Our prayers have been answered. God has given us an abundant harvest.

Here are some wonderful testimonies to share with you:

Hindu Family to Faith in Christ

Pastor Chauhan reported, "When I delivered a campaign book to a person's home they invited me in and asked for prayer on behalf of a family member. This family was of the Hindu faith and had never heard of Jesus Christ before. We prayed for a lady who had not walked in fourteen months.

The pastor handed them the book and prayed for the sick lady. At that moment, in front of everyone, the lady got up and began to walk. The pastor himself was amazed at the instantaneous healing. Now the whole family attends the local church.

New Churches Planted

Pastor Rustic D'Souza has informed us that they are starting a new house church in the area of Malabar Hill, which is the place where all the government officials live. They have already got a list of 25 new people who are interested in coming to the church.

We have churches that used the Christmas season as an occasion to invite all the callers to come for a special program. This has taken place in many churches across the city and reports are pouring in. But the churches are still seeing new seekers coming in every Sunday from all the strata of the society.

We are also having amazing response from the Muslims. Our churches are following up with them, and it's a great opportunity.

Many churches are reporting record attendance in Mumbai to the point where church members present have been asked to vacate their seats for non-churched visitors wishing to enter the service.

I heard reports of new churches planted as a result of the campaign. Many churches are inspired and encouraged.



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Catholic Nun Uses Campaign Book

Pastor Adrian said that a Catholic nun came into inquire where she could receive the campaign book that has been advertised all over the city. She had talked to her friends about the message in the book, "God Gives You The Power To Change" and promised a copy to each person. The pastor asked how many copies she would like to hand out. She said, "One hundred copies!"

She received one hundred copies and continued on her way happily.

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Pastor Dirk who is from Germany and now a resident of Mumbai for the last 25 years. He said he has seen so many events and campaigns in the city of Mumbai. But he says, "This is the best and the most effective campaign ever in the history of Mumbai in my ministry experience."

This is absolutely true! Never before in the history of Mumbai churches have we seen this kind of unity and the churches on fire for a single event. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. We have more than 1,600 churches and leaders registered with us. We have more than 15,700 book distribution volunteers, and we have more than 3,800 call center volunteers who received calls. Even now the churches are reeling under the effect of this amazing work the Lord has done.

Next Campaign in Bangalore?

As the churches in Mumbai continue with the vital, long-term follow-up of about 150 thousand who responded to the Gospel, the pastors involved are heading for Bangalore to meet with pastors there.

The pastors of Mumbai want to give their utmost support to other pastors in other cities who want to host their own evangelistic city campaign.

Latest Update From the Campaign in Iraq

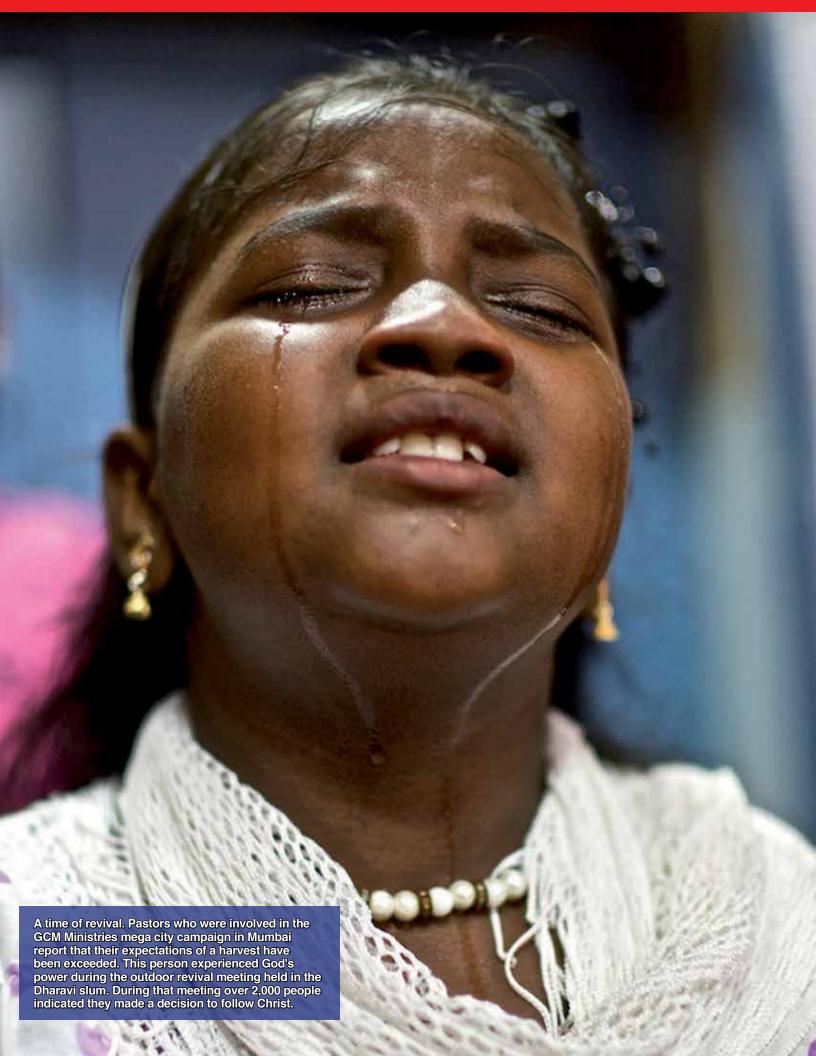
Just this past week we received a phone call from a family member of the President of Northern Iraq. This person had received a copy of the campaign book, containing life-changing stories and the four steps to salvation. This person had been reading it in secret and through it came to faith in Christ. Now a member of the President of Northern Iraq loves Jesus

This person invited our leadership team members to Iraq for a private celebration.

God only knows how many of the two million Iraqis, in Erbil, who were exposed to the Gospel during the recent media campaign in January 2013 have made a decision to follow Christ.

May God bless you and give you strength in the new year.

Hannu Haukka Missions Director





Poverty Aid Sent to Children's Prison Camps in Russia & Ukraine

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There are an estimated 20 thousand children in prison camps in Russia alone. Life in these prisons is merciless, children suffering in frigid temperatures and a lack of food adversely affect the children who end up returning to a life of crime and hopelessness.

GCM Ministries, working with local churches, has been able to deliver warm winter clothing, food and other essential items to these children. We have gone to many prison camps, for expample one such prison in Omsk that we supplied over 5 thousand euros worth of aid to. Also over 10 thousand euros of aid was sent to the prison in Koselski.

"We sent 17 thousand euros worth of clothing, educational and hygiene supplies to the children in Kazakhstan. We were able to share

from the Word of God with them as well. Over 15 thousand euros of aid was sent to children's prison camps in Ukraine with help from the Evangelical Baptist Church," says missions director Hannu Haukka.

It is estimated that there are up to four million homeless children living in Russia. Most of these children live in the streets during the summer months. Many of them end up living a life plagued with crime. GCM Ministries' children's ministry helps to prevent this downward spiral.

We have sent in over 4 thousand euros worth of food, clothing and accommodation to children in the city of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Another 11 thousand has been sent to a rehabilitation center in Tomsk, Russia. This institute struggles to help these children and their mothers deal with drug and alcohol abuse.

"If we don't take care of these children they will end up in prison. They will get hooked on drugs or alcohol. Some will give up and end their life," warns Andrei Fomenko, a care aid from the local church in Stavropolski.