



FULLY KNOWN MINISTRIES

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In *The Insanity of God*, a book detailing the missionary journey of Nik Ripken in Somalia, the author spoke of the first time he made his way through the devastated streets of Hargeisa, Somalia.

“If I had ever needed a visual image to illustrate the term war-torn, that picture popped up everywhere I looked. The few individuals I spotted on the streets seemed to be wandering more than walking. They were people who seemed to be going through the motions of life with little hope, uncertain purpose and no real destination.”

This is what strikes us today. Not what we see – but what we **don't** see. For example, stop for a minute and observe the listless mass of people going to and fro in their daily lives, so afraid of dying that they have actually stopped living. What's taking place actually mirrors what's said in Hebrews 2:15 – people, who from fear of death, are all their lifetime subject to bondage. It's this hope, purpose and destination spoken of in the quote above that's deficient within the hearts of men today. Understanding this serves as a stark reminder of exactly why we are here as believers, and why Jesus, the very source of our only true hope, instructed us to preach the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

Let's briefly look at Islam and Hinduism, two of the world's largest religions with approximately 1.8 billion and 1.2 billion followers, respectively. We clearly see in their beliefs that there is no sure, absolute way for an adherent to guarantee

their place in Heaven, Paradise, Nirvana, or whatever word they choose to describe their perfect afterlife. In a sense, the false and fickle gods of these two religions can only guarantee their adherents one thing, that they are not guaranteed entrance into any sort of paradise upon death. They are merely allowed to “roll the dice” and hope, based on their works, it's their god's will on that day to permit them entrance into paradise.

More specifically, when you proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a Hindu, many times they are accepting of Him; but the problem is, Hinduism is a polytheistic religion, with literally millions of gods. Your Hindu friend might be willing to incorporate Jesus into his or her pantheon, but would not be willing to accept Jesus as the exclusive incarnation of God.



How about a Muslim?

Seemingly having many beliefs in common with the Christian Bible, specifically in the Old Testa-



ment, Muslims will readily agree with you up to a certain point, then encounter some major roadblocks they just cannot get past. Muslims believe Abraham's son, Ismael, is the son of promise as

opposed to Isaac. They believe God divinely took Jesus off of the cross and placed Judas in His place, and also that your sins cannot be paid for by anyone else but you. This alone is the very cornerstone of our Christian faith – **God sent Jesus Christ to be born of a virgin and become the sacrificial lamb, carrying and paying for our sin on the cross. He was then raised from the dead, thereby reconciling us to God.**

This ignorance and deception is the very reason we are doing what we are doing: “going” into all the world, preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Putting “boots on the ground,” electronically or physically, is the only sure way to bring the true hope, purpose and destination for our lives that is found only by faith in Jesus Christ and the completed work of the cross.

As we patiently wait for international travel restrictions to ease, Fully Known Ministries continues to move forward, with Teresa ministering to and reaching thousands of people throughout China, India and domestically across the United States by means of social media, YouTube, Skype, Zoom and even the cell phone. Her book, *The “Unhealed” Believer: What to Do When You’ve Done It All*, continues to affect and transform the lives of its readers.

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Patrick and ministry associate Ken Leake continue to monitor the lockdown situations throughout the Middle East, anticipating springtime missions to Jordan to visit and check the needs of Arab pastors and churches in the region. The declining Middle Eastern/North African Christian Church and its care remain consistently on our hearts and minds. Galatians 6:10 sums it up – “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

We want to say a huge “Thank You” to all of our partners and supporters for continuing to support us, both prayerfully and financially. You are vital in enabling us to effectively carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, discipling believers around the world.

If you are not yet a partner with Fully Known Ministries, please consider that prayerfully. By your one-time gift or monthly support, you will be part of a team that is providing a solid foundation that is causing lives to be changed by the Word of God.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,

Pat + Teresa

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