

Ordinary Woman. Extraordinary God.

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Global Teams

Shiloh received the guests at her door with curiosity. It was unusual for out-of-town guests to stop by unannounced, especially because she was just an ordinary housewife carrying out her daily responsibilities in an ordinary Muslim village. She welcomed the two women into the sitting area and began serving tea.

After a few sips, one of the women, clearly distressed blurted out, "My daughter, Hannah, needs help. **I think she is tormented by a jinn** (evil spirit). She seems lost in some other world, staring at the wall, mumbling strange things and not eating. Sometimes she falls to the ground writhing in pain.

"We took her to our mullah who recited the Koran over her and then to a Muslim shaman. Nothing! She is worse and I do not know where to turn. Will Allah not help my young daughter?"

"Someone in our village told us about you and that Allah answers your prayers when you pray in the name of *Isa al Masih* (Jesus the Messiah). I don't understand that, but **will you come pray for my daughter, please?**"

Moved by the woman's plea, Shiloh promised she would visit within a few days. She communicated this request to her fellowship who agreed to send two women with Shiloh. Before they left, the believers committed to fast and pray for a day. Having experienced God's loving care themselves, they left home confident that the Holy Spirit was going to do something wonderful.

When they arrived at the supplicant's house, they found the eight-year-old Hannah awake, but uncommunicative. The three believers wasted no time getting down to business. After about an hour of prayer they felt

that they were finished and rose to leave. Seeing no visible change in her daughter, the mother was crestfallen. Shiloh exhorted her to keep trusting God who always hears prayers offered in the name of Isa.

The next morning, Shiloh answered the telephone to hear Hannah's mother exclaiming, "**She is healed, completely healed! Hannah is sitting at the table eating and talking with us. She is restored to us!**"

Three days later, mother and daughter arrived at Shiloh's house to demonstrate that the deliverance was true and lasting. They also came with a request.

"Word has spread to our relatives of this miracle. Having shared our suffering and witnessed Hannah's deliverance themselves, they beg you to

come to our village to tell us about the Jesus whose name you have prayed in!"

Over a period of several weeks, Shiloh studied the Gospels with six Muslim households. Wooed by the miracle, captivated by the life and teaching of Jesus, all six families made a decision to follow the Savior in baptism. Though she is an untrained housewife, Shiloh will guide these families as they grow in their new spiritual lives.



God still uses the simple to confound the wise!

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"**First** you should know that I do not pastor a large church," Christian, a Chilean pastor, related through a translator, "I planted this church only four years ago. Even though we are small, we vibrate with passion for God's glory in the nations."



"Shortly after getting saved at university, I was invited to a Christian camp. I heard testimonies from various parts of Africa and even though I had no idea I would become a pastor, a seed for missions was planted in my heart. I ended up going to seminary and there I met a group of fiery believers who were always whispering about their passion for the unreached. They were members of Global Teams! God used them to water and grow the seed of missions He had planted in my heart at salvation."

"After I had planted our church, I began thinking about my country. We came to Christ because missionaries came to our land from the U.K. They were blessed in their homeland but understood they had a responsibility to bring the blessing to others. I realized we are now a blessed people and must also take the blessing to where it was not. I imagined what it would be like for the nations to be worshiping God and witnessing Christ's glory in the future. As a pastor, I purposed in my heart to be the catalyst and impulse for this vision of the Holy Spirit."



“So, we are working to create a culture of missions by regularly inviting those working among the nations to share with us. And we provide opportunities to be among the unreached. Global Teams has helped us do that and we have real projects in greater Hyderabad, India and in rural Nepal. By "real" I mean that we evaluate each opportunity together to be sure we can make a real contribution as a church. We must see that missions is for the whole church, not just for the few or for pastors. For example, our older members have committed to regular prayer for the nations and it is a great example to others.



“I saw we could make a real impact for the glory of God and this shared passion of Jesus’ fame in the nations brought us into greater unity with Global Teams. We must work together and invite others to join us. Though we don’t have much, we are contributing our people, our resources and our gifts to make a difference. We know if we are faithful in the little, God will give us more!

“That promise allows us to dream big! We are preparing members to go long term to Nepal. We want to empower more businessmen: GT’s BAM conference helped us think that way. We are challenging professionals to invest their experience in mission. And this passion for the nations is awakening us to the needs in our own communities. We want to plant two to three more churches in our city and have the dream to plant a church in Southeast Asia.

"The passion to see Jesus worshipped among the nations is shaping and changing us as a church."

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What will be your connection to the unreached for the sake of Jesus' fame among the nations?



Growing up, the invitation to participate in God’s mission to the nations was a big part of my faith development. Working as a youth pastor in Birmingham, Alabama now, I am eager to help students see the work of God throughout the world, see God’s Spirit moving through other cultures, and understand the call to all God’s people to go and tell people the good news of Jesus.

The students in my church live in a high-achievement and high-pressure environment with specific ideas of what success looks like for them and their families. I see some correlations with their lived experience and the culture in Japan.

In March 2026, I will lead a group of high school students from my church to Japan to support GT field partners in their ministry of building relationships, sharing testimonies and Bible stories, and prayer walking. I pray our partnership with Global Teams field partners will be profitable to the movement there and will influence the mission-mindedness of these students.



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So, I thought
it necessary to urge
the brothers to go on ahead
to you and arrange in advance for
the gift you have promised,
so that it may be ready as a
willing gift, not as an exaction.

II Cor. 9:5

A Handful of Rice

The state of Mizoram in India is poor. Despite their lack of income, since first receiving the Gospel, believers in Jesus have practiced a local tradition called “handful of rice.” Those preparing meals each day set aside a handful of uncooked rice for God’s work. Mizoram churches, poor by the world’s standard, have given millions to missions and sent missionaries around the world because of their practice of anticipatory generosity.

In II Corinthians 9, Paul used the example of the generosity of poor believers in Macedonia to encourage the Corinthian believers to proactively prepare their gifts. We’d like to encourage you as well to consider setting aside funds now for your year-end giving.

Anticipatory gift buying for Christmas may have already started at your house – it has at ours! In December, Global Teams will ask you to consider making a gift to take the Good News to those who have never heard in a practical and fruitful way. Perhaps you and your loved ones will consider setting aside your handfuls of rice now in preparation!

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. II Cor 9:6-8



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