

My Journey of Faith to Central Asia

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PIONEERS MISSION

STATEMENT: Pioneers mobilizes teams to glorify God among un-reached people by inviting church-planting movements in partnership with local churches.

MY MISSION STATEMENT:

To know my Lord intimately and make Him known to others, to glorify Christ and to exemplify His love, to serve Christ in the mission-field with a servant-hood attitude, and to become actively involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord among un-reached people leading to church-planting.

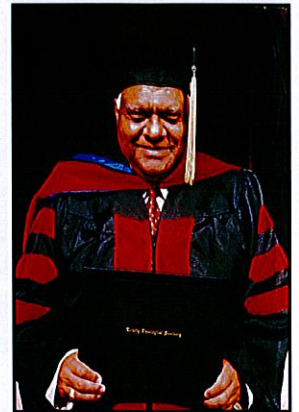
“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentiles”

Romans 1:18

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Friends! I am an educator who has been a teacher practically all his life. I always desired to study God’s Word in a systematic way. Along with full-time teaching, I decided to pursue my graduate studies through Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary at Newburgh, Indiana for a Doctor of Religious Studies.

But the story of my journey of faith to Asia was born toward the end of 2006 when I was still working on my graduate studies while full-time teaching. After completing a couple of courses, it would have been the time to write the proposal before working on a long and tedious writing of the dissertation. The pressures of my work and the graduate studies, and some personal problems, were intensified and discouraged me so much that I was about to drop out of the Graduate School at Trinity. In those moments of utter discouragement and defeat, I got on my knees one evening and prayed to my Lord in these words: **“Lord, I am very discouraged, and it is impossible for me to continue my studies with the full-time teaching. I need Your help desperately, dear Lord. You are the only One Who can help me.”** As I got off my knees, something amazing happened. I felt relieved; strong feelings of assurance surged through my soul. Guess what?



I continued to work and graduated on August 2, 2008 at Trinity. Praise be to the Lord, our God!! After graduation, I offered this prayer, “Dear Lord, You helped me to complete this degree. This is Your degree; I happened to be the recipient of this degree. I dedicate this degree and my life to You, and I would like to serve You.”

I was praying for an opportunity to serve the Lord; in an amazing way, I was led to contact PIONEERS, a global church-planting ministry in Orlando-Florida serving the Lord in seventy countries. After going through the application and testing process, the Pioneers Candidate Orientation

Program, and interviews with the Candidate Committee from Jan. 4-9, 2009, the Candidate Committee appointed me to be a missionary to Asia.

The Lord is leading me to Kazakhstan located in Central Asia which gained its independence on December 16, 1991 after the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union. It shares its borders with Russia, China, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Kazakhstan is the world’s largest landlocked nation (does not touch any open body of water) with a total population 15.4 million. Sixty-two percent are Muslims, one-thirds are Christians, and the rest are Jews, Buddhists, and the rest. I have been invited to serve as a math and spiritual formation teacher at Tien Shan International School, a school for the children of missionaries in Almaty – the old name Alma-Aty which literally means “the Father of Apples”, beside teaching modular Bible courses as an instructor at Kazakhstan Evangelical Christian Seminary.



Why to Asia? I was born in a Christian home and was grounded in my faith in the Asian culture. In one sense, it sounds logical to undertake a journey of faith to the continent I came from many years ago, and now share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Asian people having common cultural ties. Most of all, it is more important to go to a place where the Lord wants you to go **on faith “being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Heb. 11:1)**. Frankly, I couldn't see this way just a short few years before. Asia is a densely populated continent with a population of close to four billion people which constitutes about sixty percent of the global population.



Although everyone can't travel with me to Asia, I would be honored to be accompanied by your daily prayers. This journey of faith will include **sharing the Gospel and engaging in church-planting ministry among the un-reached people. If the Lord leads you to invest financially to support this ministry, please contact us and pick up the necessary printed material.** May God bless you richly.

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How you can have partnership with this ministry? We invite your partnership by:

- 1. Praying for me as I wind things up in the U.S. before embarking on this journey of faith to Asia.**
- 2. Investing financially in God's Kingdom if the Lord leads you to do so.**
- 3. Sharing your ideas with us for this ministry and telling others about it.**
- 4. Remembering me in your special prayers that the Lord will guide me as I make new contacts and share my vision for this new ministry in different churches.**