

Dynamis World Ministries a.k.a. Christopher Alam Ministries International

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# The Tsunami and the Christian Response

Dear friends,

**G**reetings in Jesus Name!

I trust you are all blessed in God's wonderful and amazing Grace! We are well into our crusade season again. As you sit and read this, my daughter, Victoria, and I are on the foreign field somewhere, preaching about Jesus to multitudes every night.

Thank you very much! This is made possible because you and others like you have joined your hearts together with us through your sacrificial giving and your prayers.

We all know about the tsunami that recently hit Asia. Two of the earth's "plates" meet off the coast of Sumatra, and rub against each other constantly, causing ongoing seismic activity.

An unusually, large earthquake measuring 8.6 on the Richter scale unleashed tidal waves over 70 feet high that traveled in every direction at 500 mph, and caused unimaginable devastation when the waves hit land in different countries. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives, and hundreds of thousands of innocent little children suddenly became orphaned.

We immediately moved into action, making contact with our own teams and partner churches in the region, and began sending funds to



them. Christians in Asia were quick to respond; a medical team from one of our partner churches in Singapore was the first to arrive at the scene in Banda Aceh in Sumatra, where over 100,000 died. They even arrived before the Red Cross. I sent emails to many churches and friends with whom I have email contact. The response from my dear friends was overwhelming and generous - far beyond my wildest imaginations - and money began to come in. My friend, Tony Cooke, passed my email on to his friends. Pastors I do not even know rose to the occasion and

responded. I was asking God for \$50,000, but over \$145,000 came in! Praise the Lord! As we had promised, every cent went to help those in need.

## Was the Tsunami God's Judgment?

While many of us were working hard to get help out to the devastated areas, I was dismayed to hear people whose main response was to proclaim, "This is God's judgment upon Muslims because they are against America!"

Do these people have any idea how many Christians

died in this terrible tragedy? Yes, many Christians were miraculously saved, but there were also churches whose entire congregation died while at service that Sunday morning. I felt sorrow because while these people were preaching and prophesying such things, we were sending finances to teams on the field who were busy building an orphanage for many of the children of Christian parents who had been killed by the wave in Sri Lanka.

We have to realize some things:

Firstly, Jesus died for ALL humanity, Muslims included. The truth is that God loves Muslims, even the most vicious among them, just as much as He loves us! Those who cannot swallow this without their pride getting rubbed the wrong way need to repent and ask God to forgive them.

Secondly, God does not side with America against anybody. God's worldview is simple: that there are two kinds of people on earth - those who are washed in the Blood of Jesus and those who are not. It is *not* America and its coalition vs. the rest of the world!

Does this insult your pride? Well, repent, because harboring such attitudes can make you despise people of other nations and make you useless for the Gospel!



Indonesia: 1 of 6 outdoor clinics

Thirdly, we live in the age of Grace, the era of the Gospel, when God is pouring out His mercy, and not judgment upon nations. Thank God for the Gospel, for the precious Blood of Jesus. Where sin abounds, there does Grace also abound. Christians have to learn to look at sinners, whether in Muslim nations or anywhere else, through the perspective of the Cross and the Blood of Jesus. *Jesus came to save all sinners and our foremost task is to preach the Gospel of God's grace that has been entrusted to us!*

Let us suppose that God was in "judgment mode" and He wanted to pour His wrath and judgment upon this earth; I believe He would first start with nests of iniquity like Las Vegas, the closest thing there is to Sodom and Gomorrah; or perhaps the San Fernando Valley in California where 90% of the world's filthiest pornographic movies are produced. Why would God start with destroying the poorest of the poor in third

world countries who are struggling just to survive?

I love Muslims because Jesus died for them. It

never cross ours, and so it becomes so easy to dehumanize them, as if their lives were of lesser or no value. When thousands of them die, it is so easy to say, "God is judging them!" *Where is the burning compassion and passion for the lost? Where are the hearts that are broken for souls? Where is the heart of Jesus in all this?*

At the same time, I am thankful for the many believers, pastors, and churches in America



Indonesia: Part of the 14 tons of supplies handed out

is the Blood of Jesus that makes their souls so precious. They are just as precious to God as anybody I know here at home. I love sinners, and I spend most of my life preaching the Gospel to bring them to Jesus. In fact, I am here today because when I was a sinner somebody loved me enough to share Jesus with me!

*I have learned that when we love sinners, we can never hate them or call judgment upon them because we love them so much.* It is easy for some to speak so lightly about the destruction of other nations, especially when they themselves have done so little to take the Gospel to those who live their lives in places so far away from us. The paths of those far away people

whose hearts are on fire for Jesus and for souls. I am blessed to be in relationship with such people. I, and many of my fellow-Americans, are willing to lay down our very lives to bring the Gospel of Jesus to the lost. We will take the Gospel to far off places so that the lost would know that there are many in America who care for them and who are willing to sacrifice all for them.

Jesus loves these people, and He loved them enough to shed His own blood to save them. He has called the church to take the Gospel light to the dark places at the very ends of the earth. From the heartland and the shores of America we are taking the Gospel of Jesus to every nation!

These are the sentiments that should rise from our hearts when we look at this lost world we live in; a world full of wars, destruction, and calamities such as this tsunami. *We as Christians are called to show the love of God, mercy, and compassion to the suffering.* I rejoice at the way my pastor friends, and many churches and individuals all over America have responded to help those in need after this terrible catastrophe.

## Relief Efforts

Here is a breakdown on relief efforts. We have been sending funds to our own team in Asia and to partner churches in India and Singapore who have sent teams out to take part in relief efforts:

**INDONESIA:** The worst place hit was Banda Aceh in Sumatra, where over 100,000 died. Off the shore from Banda Aceh lies the 100% Christian island of Nias (50,000 people). Nias

*Indonesia: 8000 people have been treated, and 300 people have received surgery!*



was devastated, and many Christians died. The people in Nias have received very little help from the outside world, and it was fellow Christians from Singapore and Indonesia who rushed to their aid. These teams are repairing and building homes, schools, churches, hospitals, roads, etc.

In addition to many Christians from Indonesia, 54 volunteers from our partner church in Singapore are in Banda Aceh and Nias; 16 doctors, 20 nurses, and 18 trained disaster rescue workers. Fourteen tons of relief supplies have been distributed; 6 outdoor clinics set up where 8000 people have been treated; and 300 people have received surgery.



**ASIA:** Many people were killed when the tsunami hit, but we are thankful to the Lord that no one from our churches in

the coastal areas was killed or injured. This is because they were all in church when the tsunami hit that Sunday morning; the churches are located on high ground beyond reach of the giant wave. However, 33 of our families, all fishermen, lost their homes, boats, nets, everything. Our team in Yangon went out there with several thousand dollars from our crusade funds and provided immediate relief. We are now in the process of helping these families with new homes, boats, nets, etc., so that they can live and support themselves.

We are also helping many non-Christian families in the areas that were hit. Because of tight controls, our ministry teams are the only ones from overseas who are providing relief and aid to these people.

**SRI LANKA:** Many people died and teams moved out to provide medical aid to those affected.

Right now an orphanage for 100 children is being built to house children who lost their parents. The devastation is unimaginable.

**INDIA:** Relief teams from our partner ministry in Chennai rushed out to help people in outlying fishing

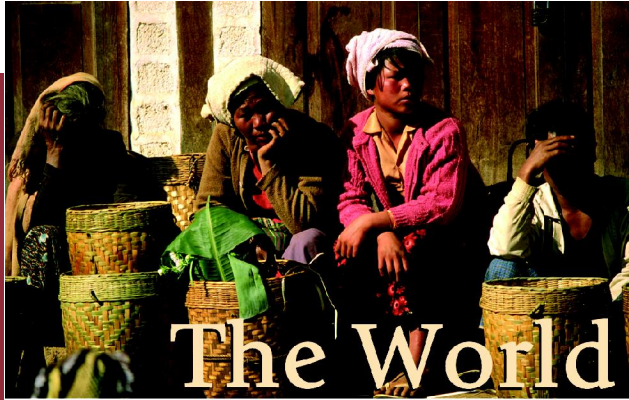
villages. The destruction was beyond belief. Thousands were killed, churches were destroyed, and the people who survived had lost everything. The teams provided medical aid, clothes, fresh water, food, and shelter to the people. Now they are helping with reconstruction work.

*Thank you for joining us to help all these precious people who Christ died to save! Because we as Christians sowed so much faith, love, financial help, compassion, and mercy, we shall reap not only earthly blessings, but also a great harvest of souls in those nations!*

Do continue to stand with us for this glorious Gospel of Jesus, through your love, faith, financial giving, and prayers. We put all our efforts into collecting money for tsunami relief efforts, and did nothing for our own immediate ministry needs; therefore, we need help for our upcoming crusades. We currently need about \$49,000 to help cover the cost of these crusades. Please ask the Lord as to your part and do as He leads you.

In Christ Jesus,

Christopher & Britta Alam



# The World Awaits...

## Christopher's Travel Log

*Please pray for Christopher and the crusade teams—for safety and protection, as well as for the people who will be impacted by the Gospel in meetings at these times and locations...*

### **February 22-27**

*Crusade & School of Ministry  
ASIA*

### **March 3-6**

*Crusade  
Mombasa, KENYA  
(Pastor Wilfred Lai)*

### **March 8-13**

*Crusade  
Chazanga, ZAMBIA*

### **March 16-20**

*Crusade & School of Ministry  
Chawama, ZIMBABWE*

### **April 1-3**

*Bastrop Christian Outreach  
Center  
Bastrop, TX  
(Pastor Scott Stanek)*

### **April 20-May 1**

*Pentecostal Churches in  
SWEDEN*

### **May 3-8**

*Crusade  
Norton, ZIMBABWE*

### **May 13-15**

*Lugano, SWITZERLAND*

# ...the Gospel of Jesus.



*Relief efforts in India*



Jesus Christ, the Same, yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

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