



GLOBAL TRAINING NETWORK

"Sometimes in tragedy we find our life's purpose – the eye sheds a tear to find its focus."

(Robert Brault)

"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors."

(African Proverb)

"The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints." **(Vance Havner)**

*"Sometimes – in moments of despair – we need to just bathe in God's grace. We can come to Him when we're weary and He will give us rest (cf. Matthew 11:28-30)." **(Randy Alcorn)***

"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes

through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

(Saint Teresa of Avila)

"The most important things in life are not things." (cf. Matthew 6:19-21)

"Unforgiveness is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die."

(cf. Hebrews 12:15)

*"The Word [Jesus] became flesh...came from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**...For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and **truth** came through Jesus." **(John 1:14, 17)***

THE MIRACULOUS HEALING OF LABANI NAIK

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Dear friends,

So many exciting things are happening through the ministry of GTN around the world! There is hardly a week (if not a day) that goes by where I don't receive a report from somewhere in the world of significant transformation that has happened (or is happening) in and through the staff of Global Training Network. Your prayers and partnership are truly making a significant difference in the lives of pastors and leaders in the poorest countries of the world! Thank you!

Can I share with you just one incredible story that shows God's miraculous power? **Sindhu Pani** sent me an email three weeks ago about his recent visit to a village named Jani Sahi-Dasapalla, where one of GTN's church planters ministers:

"When I first visited this village four years ago, God broke my heart and laid a burden on it for this village. Most of these people came to the Lord Jesus



Pastor P.K. Das leads a time of praise at his church.

Christ when they experienced the healing power of Jesus through prayer that our Church Planter P.K. Das offered when he visited them each day.

*"One lady, named **Labani Naik**, is about 65 years old and has three sons. She was paralyzed for many days and months. Her sons admitted her into three*



The healed woman, Labani Naik, praying with Pastor P.K. Das on January 17th.

different hospitals, and spent \$1500 (a huge amount for a day laborer in India), but it was all in vain. The doctors told them that even if they spent \$10 million dollars, they would not be able to help their mother. Their advice to the sons was to take the mother back home where she could die peacefully.

"Having lost all hope, the three sons went to the church and asked for prayer. They called on Pastor P.K. Das to pray for her, and after much prayer, she was healed! While she was still in bed, she began to say, "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!" in Oriya. The Holy Spirit came upon her and she continually repeated

*this. **The doctor** who came and examined her told the family members, "My brothers, I could not heal your mother, our medicines could not heal her, your money could not heal her, but your Jesus who is the real God has healed her!"*

"Labani Naik is completely healed, and able to walk alone without anybody's help. She came to church during the dedication service, and shared her testimony. Pastor P.K. Das and myself prayed for her."

Here in our highly developed, highly educated part of the world, we tend to see very few *genuine* examples of God's power in healing a person. But throughout the developing world stories of God's supernatural intervention are much more prevalent. I've witnessed this first hand in my travels throughout the majority world.

Our God is a "God of the impossible." As Jesus said, *"With men this impossible, but with God, all things are possible."* **(Matthew 11:26)**

WHO AM I? (ACCORDING TO GOD)

I've included in this month's newsletter a special half page insert entitled **"Who Am I (according to God)?"** It was almost 30 years ago that I first learned my identity in Christ. In other words, *"who does God say that I am?"* Or another way to say it would be: *"what does the Bible say is true about me as a believer in Jesus Christ?"* It is not an overstatement for me to say that my life literally was transformed when I learned my identity in Christ. My walk with God deepened, my personal transformation toward Christlikeness increased and my love for God and obedience to Him grew substantially.

There were many times when I was "feeling" something about myself that was not in line with what God says is true about me (for example: God says that He loves me and accepts me, but I was not feeling like He loved me or accepted me at the moment). I had to learn to place my faith in the truth of Scripture more than in what I happen to be "feeling" that particular day.

As I have taught so often throughout my years in the pastorate...

*"Thinking rightly and biblically about **who God is** and **who you are**...are the two pillars of a successful Christian life. What comes to your mind when you think about God and yourself are the two most important things about you!"*

I would encourage you to read over each day the simple list of 20 things that God says are true about you as a believer in Jesus Christ. *Watch God begin to transform your heart and life as you begin to walk in the truth of who you already are "in Christ!"*

Working tirelessly, passionately and joyfully to spread the glory of God among the nations of the world,