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Picture This! Prayerline

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The title below may sound presumptuous, but I believe it is God's vision for several reasons. First, it came by a dream; a dream with thoughts and images which are not normal for me. The second reason- the manifestation is so far beyond me. In the dream, I was teaching children, not necessarily Indian children- as I remember they were "nondescript". I was showing them something rather mundane, but as I talked, the words took on new life, becoming huge, brilliant, beautiful images in the minds of the children. Then I remembered- the apostle Paul once asked for SUPER-natural help- the kind I will need in India. **Please read Eph. 1:15-21, 3:16-21**, and consider praying the same kind of prayer for me.



Asking for **the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation** (1), brings us into a whole new dimension with God. Notice: "Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the **knowledge of Him**" Who? Jesus Christ. Peter declares, "His divine power has given to us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue" (2). What is the knowledge of Christ? Literally **everything**: physical, mental, spiritual. When we ask for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Christ, we are "tapping" into ALL things that pertain to life on earth, and heaven above. Paul also prays, "that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened, that we may **know**" (3). Know what? ***Hope of His calling.** God seems to specialize in the down and out. Gideon, a cringing coward- by God's call, lead Israel in total victory over the Midianites. Moses, a forgotten, stuttering shepherd in the wilderness, by God's calling lead 2 ½ million slaves to the Promised Land. David enjoyed little respect in his father's home, committed 3 of the biggest sins, yet God chose him to be the voice of the Messiah (4). The apostle Paul who wrote most of the New Testament, heard God's heart: "My strength is made perfect in weakness"(5). Never underestimate or lose hope in God's calling. ***Riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.** God has been made rich because of me, us? WE are His inheritance? We,

no matter our "status" are of incredible value to Him. We are HIS treasure. I asked Him "why?" He responded with three reasons: "You are made in My image. You remind me of Jesus. You are My family. How could I do anything but cherish you?" We gain our value, our self-image, our identity from our Father. He calls us His sons and daughters. We have His DNA. One of the Accusers greatest weapons is the simple word: "If". "If you are the son of God..., if God loved you..., if you were called..." Always know, you make God rich. You are His inheritance.

***The Exceeding greatness of His power toward us.** This is the power that broke the chains holding Jesus in the tomb, it is the power that raised Him from the dead, took Him through the "spheres" and seated Him beside our Father in Heaven, "far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come" (6). An amazing truth follows: this same power is "toward us who believe." The children of India NEED the power of the Holy Spirit to see God's vision and help them be all the Father has destined them to be! Later in Ephesians, Paul will admonish, "be filled (constantly, continuously) with the Holy Spirit (7). I want to make the Holy Spirit so attractive that the children will crave Him, hunger and thirst for Him. Fear must be turned to confidence. →

★“That we may be able to **comprehend..what is the width, length, depth and height ...to KNOW the love of Christ** which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (8). Jesus said that loving God with all of our minds, hearts and strength was the first and greatest commandment. Down deep, we all know: real love cannot be commanded. The depth of love God demands “passes knowledge”. Once again, we need SUPER help. My great grandson (5 years old) who lived with us 4 months would embrace me several times each day saying, “Papa, I love you **so** much!” When I responded, “I love you too”, he would say, “**But I love you more.**” My heart melted. And then I heard God say, “THIS is the way I love you.” He loves us more than we

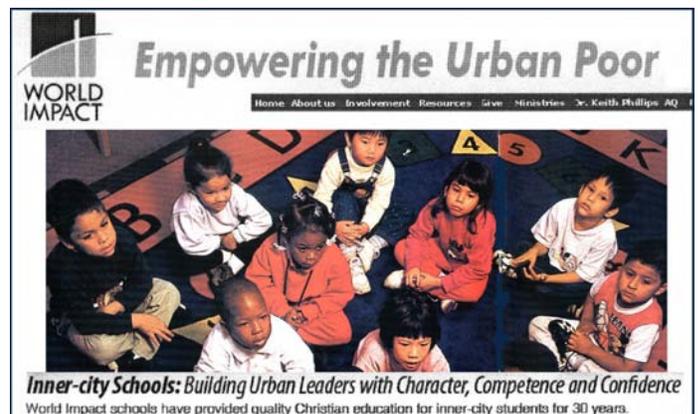


FROM THE FIELD

“We began using Picture This! after you and I talked at a home-school convention in Phoenix AZ somewhere around 1999. I used it as our home bible instruction with three of our children. In 2003 I was the lead pastor for a church plant in Apache Junction and we used Picture This! as a home Bible study for families in our new church. In 2008 our

church moved into a permanent building and we began using Picture This! as our core Sunday School curriculum for adults and teens. This class continued for three years until they had finished the entire Bible. In 2012 I became Senior pastor of a church in Lincoln, NE and we launched “Family Bible Quest” where we are now implementing the Picture Smart Bible curriculum as our midweek study for the whole family. Thank you for your continued efforts to provide this valuable tool for teaching the scripture. I always recommend this resource highly when discussing options with other pastors. I've attached a few drawings done by my kids (now adults!). My daughter did a couple of these freehand on a large sheet of newsprint (28in x 36in) on the wall while I taught the material.”

Pastor Bill and Wynter Kruger



“One woman stopped by the booth as I was presenting the program to some other moms. She was tall and stood behind them, looking over their shoulders listening quietly. She asked if the students sheets could be reproduced for multiple students. When I assured her they could, she broke into a big smile and said, “I’m so excited! The Lord wanted me to come here today! He wanted me to find this. It’s an answer from heaven!” The lady and her husband are part of “World Impact” in Fresno. They are leaders in an inner city ministry that holds discipleship classes and Bible studies for disadvantaged youth and their families. She said this was EXACTLY the kind of thing they are looking for to teach their students and get the word to “stick” with them.”

Kim MacFarlane PT Rep

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INDIA ITINERARY

(Nov/Dec 2012)

11/16 Fri- 6:35 pm, Dan departs LAX, Turkish Airlines TK0010.

(17 Sat, 5:35 pm- arrive Istanbul, Turkey, depart 7:45 pm)

18 Sun - 5:05 pm- arrive New Delhi, India.

18 Sun- Fly to Kolkata (Calcutta)

19 Mon- (Rest in Calcutta)

20 Tues- Fly to Dimapur (Nagaland)

21 Wed- All day workshop in Dimapur

22 Thurs- All day workshop in Dimapur

23 Fri- Fly to Mumbai

24 Sat- All day workshop in Mumbai

25 Sun- Fly to Hyderabad

26 Mon- All day workshop in Hyderabad

27 Tues- Fly to Koldata (Calcutta)

28 Wed- All day workshop in Koldata (Calcutta)

29 Thurs- Fly Balasore to see office set up/talk with workers

30 Fri- Balasore to BBSR (3 hour train ride)

12/1 Sat- Workshops in BBSR (workshops in 2 schools)

12/2 Sun- Fly to New Delhi

12/3 Mon- Fly New Delhi to Istanbul, LAX (arrive 4:45 pm)

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could possibly love Him. The Holy Spirit has said, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (9). I believe that the Spirit of Revelation will open the hearts of His children in India to experience God’s love.

Back to my dream. I believe God was using me in that classroom to speak His word and His word was birthing visions far **beyond the children’s environment and understanding.** These children are a chosen group, **filled with the Spirit,** to do great things in this world for God’s glory. This message will be imparted at different “levels” to bring not just the children, but a **nation** into “His marvelous (brilliant, exploding with color) light.” I believe that this can and WILL happen by the empowering of the Holy Spirit; by His revelation to me as He prepares me, and as I teach. I cannot do this. This is **His** vision, **His** ministry.

I NEED prayer...that God will enable me to see beyond the circumstances, and speak His vision for the children of India.

References: (1) Eph. 1:17, (2) II Pet. 1:3, (3) Eph. 1:18, (4) Psa. 22:1, (5) II Cor. 2:9, (6) Iph. 1:20-21, (7) Eph. 5:18, (8) Iph. 3:16, (9) I Cor. 2:9.

