

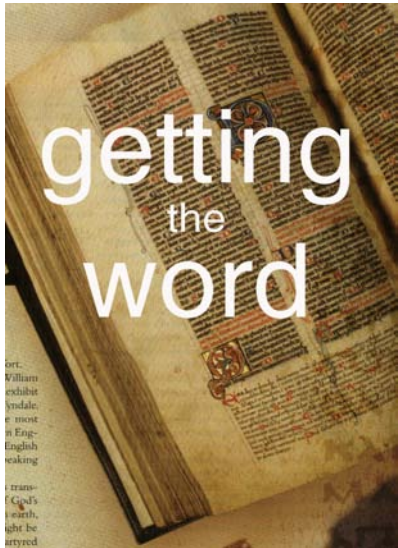
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The Psalmist said that the children of Israel knew the acts of God, but Moses knew His ways (Psa. 103:7). We can all see God's acts. As believers, we see His works and marvel. But to know His ways seems to require years of experience, fervent inquiry and careful watching. At PictureThis! we do not claim to be "experienced", but over our many years in the ministry, we have seen a pattern with God- He does the impossible in ways that cannot be explained. His reason: so everyone will know- this was not done by man but by God (Ezek. 36:38).



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Impacting America. In the midst of a "down economy" and conventions often with fewer attendees, God has prospered PictureThis! Ministries: a 20% growth over last year. We are still a non-profit in name (and reality) but a greater reality is: America is being impacted more and more with the word of God in a form (The Picture Smart Bible) that will stick. Minds are being renewed! Because His word will NOT return void (Isa. 55:10-11), we know a **generation IS being changed**. Yes, we have more reps (praise God!) and attended more conventions, but our team would be quick to say, this kind of growth can only happen by the miraculous hand of God. He has caused His word to prosper.

Reaching Out. In the past, PictureThis has been introduced to the continents of Russia (Estonia), Africa, South America

(Honduras), Israel, China (Thailand), even Eskimoes in the Arctic. We have sold The Picture Smart Bible to missionaries in approximately 50 nations. Translations have been initiated in Russian, Chinese and Spanish languages.

Impacting India. Over the years, God has been moving through hundreds of organizations in India and in a few days, the nation will be "impacted" by TPSB. The impact is not because of a few simple drawings and script; it is because those drawings are implanting the powerful word of God-sown in hearts of hundreds, thousands of Indian children. Finances have been released by Him through you; YOU are traveling with us to India. This newsletter is both a **huge thank you and a plea to keep praying**. We have given more specifics for prayer on page 2 →.

A Passion for the Children of India Abhijit Nayak

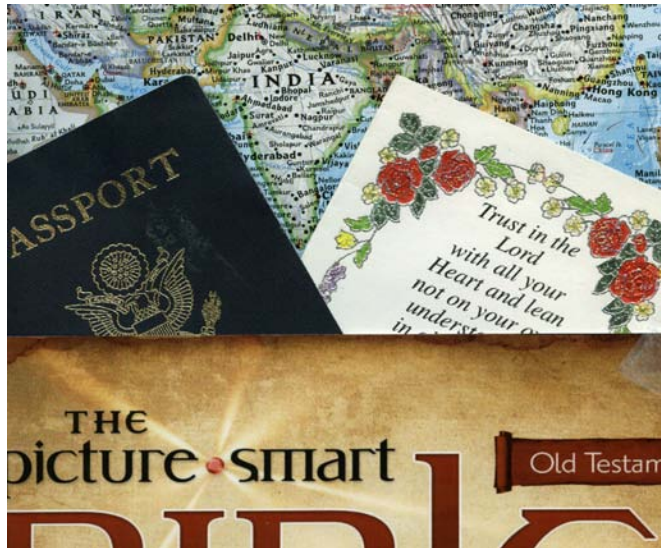
As we have mentioned previously, Abhijit Nayak who is about to graduate from Fuller Seminary with his doctorate degree, has been working with his wife in Christian education in India for 14 years. We thought it might be helpful to print excerpts from Abhijit's original proposal to us for introducing The Picture Smart Bible into his homeland.

First a few demographics: "Total population: 1.2 billion- 74% Hindu, 14.2% Muslim and 5.84% Christian. The percentages vary depending on the geography; a higher percent of Christians are in the south- the area which we are targeting first. Christianity in India can actually be traced back to the 3rd century when the Apostle Thomas "transported" the gospel to that continent. Today, Christians are persecuted heavily in some parts of India.

"There are about 400 million children under the age of 15 and while there has been huge efforts to evangelize India, there has been little effort to reach the children. Two thirds of children suffer physical abuse; 1.2 million children are involved in prostitution. Statistics present a staggering need for the Christian education and the distribution of Picture This materials. What few Bible materials exist are old and outdated. Homes for the 35 million orphans lack effective materials to educate children.

"India is a gateway. With the Picture This materials in English, Hindi, and Nepali languages, TPSB will not only serve India children but also neighboring countries such as Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. Through Christian education, tribal children will develop a greater awareness of their worth and their opportunities, envisioning a future without poverty, acquiring knowledge and skills which will enable them to become contributing citizens. Picture This will supply materials to Sunday schools, Christian schools, Vacation Bible Schools and Bible book stores. We will conduct seminars for teachers and leaders with hands-on training in English, later moving on to other languages. It is our plan to set up publication and distribution of TPSB in our homeland. We have been working in Christian education in India for 14 years- we have never seen anything like TPSB.

You can easily see why we have a passion to take The Picture Smart Bible to the children of India."



Prayer Focus

God willing, when you receive this newsletter, Dan will have only a few days before boarding the plane for New Delhi (6:35pm 11/16). Abhijit and Dan are on assignment and they need your prayers. As you pray, we believe God will give you insight. **Your prayers are our life-line** to the throne of grace. Here is Dan's "starter" list for India.

1. **Love.** Even with many years of speaking, standing before a group of strangers is scary for me. The unfortunate result of fear is losing contact with God and with His people. The only remedy for fear is what the Apostle John counseled: "*Perfect love casts out fear*" (I John 4:18). That perfect love includes having such a compassion for those in front of you, you are "driven" to give your best with little regard for "looks."

2. **Discernment.** Only God knows the needs of my various audiences. In addition to having the "normal" challenges facing pastors, leaders, teachers, families, and young people, India is a 3rd world country. They suffer terrible poverty. The normal "shot gun" lesson will not work. I must see and hear what God is doing and get in step with Him.

3. **Trust.** I learned (I hope) an important lesson in Honduras. A card from Juanene ("*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding*") prompted me to virtually discard my notes. Every morning before leaving for class (or the night before), the Lord gave me a new drawing. Once trusting Him, it really became exciting to see what He would assign for the day.

4. **Boldness.** Many have described what I would see on the streets of India. Logging on to New Delhi newspapers gives me a first hand look. However, whatever I see cannot be more troubling than what the early disciples confronted when sharing the gospel. Their prayer was not, "save us, God!" They said, "*Lord...grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word*" (Acts 4:29).

5. **Safety.** On the other hand, I know I must use caution. The Lord gave me very comforting words a few days ago when I was expressing concern about the trip: "Dan, I opened this door. When I open a door, no one shuts it. I will take you in and I will bring you out."

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, A Joyful New Year!
Thanks for praying- for this trip & for Juanene at home.