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In this exciting and fast-moving narrative, K.P. Yohannan shares how God brought him from his remote Indian village to become the founder of Gospel for Asia. Drawing from fascinating true stories and eye-opening statistics, K.P. challenges Christians to examine and change their lifestyles in view of millions who have never heard the Gospel.

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Barry says

Mr. Yohannon makes an excellent case for supporting native missionaries rather than sending missionaries from the West into unreached territories overseas. Not only do the native missionaries cost less, but they already know the language, customs, and culture and are far more attractive to their fellow citizens than foreigners are.

This book is also part autobiography that inspires, convicts, and entertains. The only downside is Mr. Yohannon's sales pitches for his own mission agency. I am sure this is a highly qualified mission agency, but after a while it comes across as self-promoting and almost tacky. Still, this is a very good read and is worth the short amount of time it takes to finish.

Paul, says

I really enjoyed this book. K.P. Yohanan's testimony is amazing. The work God is doing through native Indian missionaries is amazing.

One MAJOR caveat: This book can give the impression that Asia does not need white missionaries. I know many people, including myself, came away from the book feeling as if we had no place in the Asian church. But that is a complete misunderstanding of the gospel. Asia needs white missionaries, black missionaries, etc. Just like America needs Korean missionaries and Indian missionaries. We are an interdependent. We are complementary, not independent. There is always a place for foreign missionaries to correct the native perspective, whether native is the United States or Malawi.

Gail Amendt says

This was a book club pick, and I have always read the book club picks, no matter how I felt about them, so the fact that I am tossing this one aside is significant. I tried, I really tried, but this guy's version of Christianity is not for me. He lost me when he basically said that it is ok to let the Third World starve, as long as we save their souls first. Enough said. I have wasted all the time I am going to on this guy.

Lana Shaw says

This book shakes all of your cultural foundations. Honestly written, KP's story of experiencing America for the first time opens our eyes... it challenged me to pursue real change.

David Garza says

I found this book very challenging. The main point that the author is trying to make in this book is that the most effective way to reach the lost throughout the world is to utilize indigenous missionaries (aka Indians evangelizing Indians). He makes some very strong points. Indigenous pastors are much less expensive than sending Westerners. The language barrier is difficult and time consuming for Westerners to overcome.

There were a couple of things that bothered me. First, he lays into America's prosperity pretty hard. Instead of taking the gentile approach of appealing to the blessed to also bless, he comes off as disgusted at the amount of stuff we have and our blinking lights. He talks about all the money in big industries and that if we would just take all that money and give it to missions, all of Asia would be evangelized. He fails to recognize that if Americans didn't have the innovation and entrepreneurship to create industries, there would be no prosperity to share at all. Maybe it's just me, but I think he didn't take the high road in that section.

Second, he largely misses the point (though he barely acknowledges it at the end of the book) that God calls some people to world missions. And who God calls, God equips. This bothered me a lot, because the indigenous movement makes so much sense. I am one of those people that feels called to missions (hence, I'm in Brazil now as a missionary). I experience the economics of it, and I experience the barriers... but does that mean that I'm not called to missions?

For me, this was a valuable book to read, though it left me with unanswered questions. As an American, rather than coming away with a great vision and inspiration for the future, I come away slightly discouraged and not edified or uplifted.

I praise God that His Grace is sufficient for all my needs.

Kelli says

The stories in this book are astounding and heartbreaking. Reading this, you know God is working in crazy ways, and that satan is real and trying to wreck people. The power of God is so evident throughout the stories.

K.P Yohannan writes about his first impressions of America during his first trip there and its truly eye opening seeing it from his view. I think he is a bit angry at the blessing of America and acts as if Western Christianity is useless. When in fact, despite any upbringing, poor or rich, God raises up who he wants, in whatever ways. India has the caste system, extreme poverty, and a more prevalent demonic presence that can be seen or felt. America has lukewarm Christians or people who are religious going to church for the sake of tradition, which is a demonic tool as well, but used differently. Two very different places, yet two very open ministry areas to minister in for those who are passionate about the cause of Christ.

His attack in Chapter 5 probably does more bad than good in trying to win Americans over. I felt hurt that his image of Christian Americans was our large churches, our 'largeness' in body type, our constant watching of TV and news, and even our Christian schools and stores was somehow hateful to Asia?? Much more judgmental than was needed. However, a couple chapters later Yohannan says that giving money is different for everyone, and God leads each of us differently. I am glad he said that, even though the harshness of Chapter 5, almost cancels that out.

Citrine says

If you're not a Christian this is a very dry read . Full of statistics and methodologies , Revolution in World Missions is a plea to Western Christians . If you are unfamiliar with Eastern missionary efforts this book may come across as harsh . The books plea is that affluent Christians in the west need to quit wasting time money and efforts into sending their own missionaries to the Asian nations and start supporting national missionaries . The author believes the issue Western Christians have in doing this boils down to pride and prejudice . The point of prejudice aside , many nations today do not allow Western missionaries to enter , Christians in the West need to find a new way to spread the gospel . Something they've been ineffective doing in the past . This may very well be the way to do it . I loved the passion this man has for the lost , even if it came across as repetative , it only drove the point home that he is focused and determined . Excellent in it's suggestions , but a very dry read . I would consider reading it if you are a Christian interested in missionary work and to learn more about current missions over seas .

John says

This is a MUST read for anyone who wants God's heart for the World!

Yohannan is an incredible voice for worldwide evangelization, and for making the changes in missions philosophy of the western church that will help facilitate that goal.

The first part of the book is a frightening comparison of the Biblical mandate that God has given us to 'Go unto all the world and preach the gospel to all 'ethnae' (people groups), and the reality of the vast numbers of people groups and individuals who are currently totally or almost totally unevangelized throughout the world. Within his own country of India, Yohannan describes that there are thousands of different languages, and only a fraction of them have the Bible translated into them. And India is soon to be the most populated country in the world.

Yohannan then gets to the main point of this prophetic word God has given him. That the future of global evangelization is no longer served by the 18th century philosophy of the white missionary trekking to distant jungles to bring the dark heathen to the light.

God has revealed that the indigenous missionary movement, that is annointed, called, believers from within the many nations where the masses of the lost are located, is the most effective tool for bringing to pass the vision that John had in Revelation of peoples from every nation('ethnae' - people group), tribe and tounge gathered before the throne of the Lamb worshipping Him.

Yohannan gives specific reasons why this is so. Among them, the most convincing are:

1. That the sending of western missionaries is at least 10 times more expensive, than eqquipping indiginous missionaries with the exact resources they need to reach the most unreached areas of the world.
2. That westerners in general, and western Christian in particuar are mistrusted and even despised in most of the most unreached countries, to the point that they will never be able to reach more than a fraction of the people they are targeting.
3. That the methods of evangelization used by the indiginous ministers are vastly more effective because they do not try filter the gospel first through western culture, and then back into their own culture. The gospel is presented in a way that makes sense to them in their own culture without diluting or confusing the message.

(See the Apostle Paul's use of the 'atar to the unknown god' in Athens - and the bok 'Eternity in Their Hearts'

by Don Richardson.

The role of the western church, according to Yohannan is not in any way diminished by the plan of God, but is merely shifted to one of support through prayer, finances and infrastructure. He goes specifically into the importance of each of these tasks and the way that western missionaries, and missions organizations will always remain vital to goal of global evangelization and discipleship.

Imparting a prophetic word that he knows will cause negative reaction in many in the western church, without diluting or compromising the message itself in order to 'soften the blow' or protect himself or his ministry is a very hard thing to do. Yohannan gives personal testimony of the journey that God brought him along in order to show him that he could neither soften nor dilute the message, but had to give it as he heard it from God. But in spite of the possibility of offence, Yohannan's humility, in his delivery, give the message even more power and authority.

This is a **MUST** read for anyone who wants God's heart for the World!

Chuck Engelhardt says

I picked up this book on the way out of a Christian Bookstore. God must have been in it, because I never do that. I highly recommend this book and in fact will be sharing it with others in my Church. No one can deny that Dr. Yohannan has a heart for his people and the mission he has been called to. I cannot say that I agree with everything he says in the book. Like most very dedicated mission founders, he has a difficult time understanding how anyone who loves God could refuse to sacrifice everything for the vision God has given him. I notice that some of the previous reviewers who rated the book poorly were offended by his call to Western Christians to live a life of sacrifice in order to support missionaries in Asia. That's where he misses it a little, but just a little. Just as he promotes the "National" missionaries in Asia because their effectiveness is due to their living the culture of and Asians they minister to, it is important that Western nationals live the culture of the west to reach the lost in the west. However, Dr. Yohannan touched my heart, because he rightly pointed out that too many of us Western Christians live a life of materialism far beyond that which is necessary to live at peace with our western neighbors. The other really, really important point that Dr. Yohannan points out is the utter failure of purely social missions. Lifting people out of their poverty at the expense of their soul is a shallow victory with eternal consequences. I think he said something like, "few hearts are changed by a full belly." I, for one, am better for having read this book; my view and attitude toward missions is changed.

Jeremy Zilkie says

I have heard about the "mission effort" in the church since I was a child. I have heard many missionaries speak and read many missionary biographies. KP's story and ministry philosophy is unique. He is the first ministry leader to advocate for strong indigenous/native missions to include oversight and control.

For centuries the Western world has been sending missionaries overseas and great things have been accomplished as great sacrifices were made by those who went and sent them. Yet it does seem as if times are changing and in regions like India and Asia where there is a growing and vibrant church, why wouldn't we work hard to help empower them to do the job that is right in their back yard. This is a new perspective

on missions that I was blessed to read and consider.

On a personal level, I enjoyed reading about KP's life and upbringing, straddling two worlds and through that receiving a very unique call in God's kingdom, which is his current ministry effort. Who would have thought that we "the American church" needed people sent from God to show us grace and to help us learn how to truly follow Jesus in the midst of all the noise and stuff in our lives.

Great book!!! I recommend it for anyone wrestling with how to follow Jesus in our confusing and challenging world.

Jazzy says

This was an excellent book. I was very challenged and made to think! There were a few parts that i didn't agree with, but where i did, i did whole-heartedly. :))

Joyce says

This book is a well-written, tactful, passionate, objective presentation of the indigenous missionary movement. It is directed toward Christian Westerners in wealthy democratic nations (Americans, UK, Australia, New Zealand). And above all the book and its author, K.P. Yohannan, present a Biblical, God-centered philosophy of missions and of the Christian life (which things should be inseparable).

When I picked up this free book to begin reading, I was fully aware that its purpose is to raise awareness of the ministry of Gospel for Asia, and to increase financial support for its missionaries. As I read the book I was more focused on what is the Biblical basis for missions than anything else. I encourage you to read it all the way to the last page, especially the Q/A section, which clears up those niggling questions we all have.

Yohannan makes excellent points in showing the contrast between the Western Christian's world and the Asian (India in particular) world, and why the indigenous missionaries experience much greater success in their Gospel presentation. The attitude of servitude and humility on the part of the indigenous Asian missionaries is humbling and greatly thought-provoking, and soul-stirring.

When you finish the book, it is time to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit in your own heart...what will my response be to this need?

This book fits beautifully into the theme of my missions blog (<http://reachingthe1040window.blogspot...>) as well as alongside the theme of Jeanette Windle's books, which I have been reading, that of the Unreached people groups of the world, those who have no witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I recommend this book to anyone who is seriously concerned with living a Christ-centered life and winning the lost to Jesus Christ.

Natalie Vellacott says

There are various claims circulating about the ministry of GFA and several pending court cases. I am unsure whether these claims are true. If they are, it will be very sad as this is a ministry I have supported and

volunteered for over the years.

KP came to speak at my church in England and I was so challenged by his message that I ended up in mission work myself. I devoured this book and have read it several times over the years. It came as such a disappointment to hear that the man who wrote a book like this may not be following the simple lifestyle he advocates, in all of his books.

This book will challenge, convict and offend. The author lambasts the Western church for its failures but also calls Christians to action. GFA was, at the time, the only organisation promising to send 100% monies to the field and using native workers.

Let's hope the claims will soon be resolved one way or the other so we can be wise in our missionary giving.

Laura says

This book really changed my heart. The book began with the wonderful story of the man who started Gospel for Asia. But as it progressed he went in to details about the culture shock he experienced when first coming to America. He opened my eyes to how lucky I am and how often I neglect to think, feel, or live that way. In the second part of the book he also talked about the importance of native missionaries and their important role in bringing the Gospel of Christ to the lost souls in the two-thirds world. I didn't so much mind hearing about the stoires of their victories for Christ or the success of their ministry as much as I was disheartened at the attitude displayed by K.P. regarding where Americans role is now in missions in the 21st century. He basically said thank you Americans for all the work you started but we can take it from here. The only thing that did really shake me deep down was when he spoke such truthful words into my heart about the issue of trust not only maybe American's feel but me personally feels regarding trusting the "good news" in the hands of native missionaries. This bothered me because I thought I was not one to be racist or impartial on this issue yet at the same time realized how I do feel if I am not personally taking part, how do I know the effort is efficiently taking place in Asia? All in all I really enjoyed it and all it's informativeness of the new turn missions in the 10/40 window is taking place.

Gregory says

This was a convicting book. Having recently returned from a trip to India, I've seen the immense poverty and hardship in that country. A huge percentage of the world's population lives far below the standards we enjoy in the U.S. Yohannan is director of Gospel for Asia, and their primary goal is to support native missionaries in Asia. For many reasons, natives can minister more effectively than Westerners in most Asian countries. God is doing an amazing work in the Third World. The Church is exploding in growth! What is humbling is how much native missionaries do with so little. If we had to live in their circumstances, we would quickly crumble and start questioning the goodness of God. They are an incredible testimony to us, and should motivate us to get off our fat American rear-ends and throw ourselves into supporting their work!
