

Bad Medicine - Great God

Transformation in Yemen

Verse: "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" - John 1:29

Story: A missionary family in Yemen around the year 2000 were there to do gospel ministry, build wells, and help the locals thrive. However, Yemen had (and has) a very bad health care system, so when one of their little boys got sick the doctors accidentally gave him the wrong medicine (they were ill trained), a type that stunted his growth. So while all his friends were growing up fast (he was around 10 years old) he was way behind on his height. However, one night his parents felt led to lay hands on him and pray for him while he was sleeping - and prayed that God would work out all of this for good for God had led them to Yemen and they knew God had a plan even if they couldn't understand why this had to happen. Later that night their boy woke up with tons of aches and pains, and in the morning he had grown the width of a full hand (around 4 inches!) back to normal height! It was a huge testament to how God takes care of His children. This was a huge faith building moment for them and for their trust in the Lord. - From the book "Sunrise in the Valley of the Shadow of death by Amira Ann"

Quote: "The missionary heart: Care more than some think is wise. Risk more than some think is safe. Dream more than some think is practical. Expect more than some think is possible. I was called not to comfort or success but to obedience... There is no joy outside of knowing Jesus and serving him." - Karen Watson

Stunning Facts of the week:

Nine years of civil war have obliterated Yemen's health-care system. Fewer than half of the country's hospitals remain functional, and only 1 in 5 of those are able to provide maternal and newborn services.

- A child dies every 10 minutes, from starvation or other easily curable diseases (Germany only has 8 per day for contrast, and they have over double the population).
- A woman dies in childbirth every two hours in Yemen.



- An estimated 42 per cent of Yemen's population lives more than one hour away from the nearest fully or even partially functional public hospital.

Unfortunately when one person that is close to us dies - its an absolute tragedy (which it should be) however, when thousands, or millions die in another country everyone becomes a statistic. The worst part, is that virtually (except known only to Jesus) all of these women and children have *never* heard an authentic gospel message - they have never heard about the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Praise God: Even though there is great poverty and distress in Yemen, and even though Yemen is one of the most persecuted places on earth for Christians, the church is still growing. In fact it is growing at an annual rate of 5.1% compared to 2.6% for the rest of the world!

Prayer Points:

- India (Largest unreached population of 1 billion)
- Afghanistan (persecuted church, Taliban, unreached, humanitarian aid needs)
- America (pray for Christian leaders, revival)
- Wars (Israel / Gaza War)
- Yemen (persecuted church, unreached, humanitarian aid needs)

Unreached people group (Mapilla of India):

- 10 million people
- State of Kerala
- No known evangelicals, christians, or church planting movements
- Main religion is Islam
- Pray that the other christians in Kerala would reach out to them



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Action Items: Start praying for Yemen every day with week. Share the facts about Yemen with at least one other Christian who is unaware of what is going on in Yemen and ask them to pray this week.

Resources used:

[MessageMissions \(for quote\)](#)

[National Geographic Kids](#)

[Sunrise in the Valley of the Shadow of death by Amira Ann](#)

Extra Resources:

[Conflicted Podcast - Yemen](#)

[Sunrise in the Valley of the Shadow of death by Amira Ann](#)

[About Yemen](#)

[In Depth Info on Yemen according to the Stratus Index](#)

[Humanitarian Aid in Yemen \(UN\)](#)

[How bad is the humanitarian aid situation?\(WFP\)](#)