THINK POSSIBLE.



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Are You kidding?!

I often jest, that I am no better than the Old Testament comedian Jonah—and my only goal is not to end up as fish vomit.

And this story began something like...

"Now the word of the LORD came unto Andy, the son of Joseph, saying; Arise, go to Ninevah Bangladesh..."

What?! Nobody wants to go to Bangladesh! Especially when Japan is in cherry blossom season! Bangladesh is dirty, stinky, crowded, hot, dysentery, mosquito—yeah, the malaria type—infested...and I went on—but the Lord would have none of it.

If there is one thing I have learned in following Jesus is that you have to do a lot of things you don't want to do...and its good not to try to high-tail it away from the Lord, especially when surrounded by ocean.

But there is another thing I should mention. <u>Bangladesh is the largest unreached people group in the world</u> (Japan is second). Wouldn't it be cool to be reaching the most unreached from the second most unreached? Yes, Bangladesh is 90% Muslim, most of the rest is Hindu...lots to be done.

Now the language of Bangladesh is Bengali—betcha didn't know it's the fifth biggest language in the world? I didn't. Until I did the Treasure Hunt App in that language, then did the discipleship readings, and finally printed 20,000 pocket mangas with our own tithe money... and as such, I arose and went...then it started...God moved in Bangladesh!

In that intense 10 days I oriented many groups of pastors and leaders and churches and supplied countless ministries and churches with pocket mangas. In one day alone I got to mobilize 350 kids/youth, including Muslim youth...go again?! The picture (lower/left) shows a youth in a hijab. I took the picture in disbelief...really???



Following Jesus when you don't wanna...

Muslims? Muslims doing in the Treasure Hunt Gospel mobilization training? I showed the picture to my host and was told that about 15 Muslim kids were in the crowd—going through the Gospel manga, praying the salvation prayer, and along with all the other kids, taking two manga home—one to keep and one to share with a friend.

Fortunately, I never had to do the vine and worm and the "I wanna die" part of the story. God got me good. My heart was broken for these precious young lives. Look at these poverty stricken Muslim kids smiling after I had taught them the sign for "I love you". Its enough to melt any heart.

And so we committed—the next three years we are investing in Bangladesh, God willing, we will print as many Gospel pocket mangas as they need. And I will be there each year, because whether we like God's commands or not, He is always right—spot on!





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