

Why This ORU Grad's 'Mystery' Death Is Still Bringing Gospel Miracles

Jordan Lewis was a quiet kid, his father says. But he changed when he entered Oral Roberts University and began accepting ministry opportunities.

"Here's this shy, bashful kid who's all of a sudden become bold and ferocious in his faith and yet loving and kind and never offended anyone," Lewis tells Dr. Steve Greene, who taught Jordan at ORU, on a popular episode of the *Greenelines* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network. "He was just always thoughtful. And he passed away from a battle with cancer in his sinus ... it was completely a mystery, and no one could figure it out."

But that mystery death, Lewis says, has now become a seed for the gospel in miraculous ways that continue to multiply today.

"One of the highlights of his life was when he and some other young men from the OSU campus went to Tanzania," Lewis says. "They preached the gospel to what's called technically called 'unengaged, unreached people groups.' They built a birthing clinic, and they did some other humanitarian efforts. And at a certain time in that journey, when they were there that summer, they asked who would volunteer to go and preach the gospel. ... They were forewarned that no one had ever had success.

"And Jordan and a couple other guys said, 'We'll go,' Lewis says. "So they went. And this time, they had massive success, and many people turned to Christ in that village. And to this day, they have four vibrant churches amongst that tribe. It was previously 60,000 people with only one Christian, no churches, no Bibles, no Scripture, nothing that represented

Christ. And now it's a region that's being reached with multiple churches. There's even outside of those four, there are 12 more right in surrounding villages."

But the miracles didn't stop there. At the time of Jordan's funeral, the family requested, in lieu of flowers, donations to a missions fund that then went under the 501(c)3 covering of Lewis' church. Jordan Lewis Missions, which Charisma News previously covered here, has launched what Lewis says are "thousands of churches in multiple nations ... in places where there has been no gospel presentation, no churches, and in most of these places, no Scriptures. So that's been a joy for us to watch what God has done."

Lewis says this multiplying ministry has brought him both comfort and motivation. "The life of my son is multiplying out into the world. The mystery will one day be solved; we will see Jesus, and we'll realize that His plan was bigger than ours. We still miss him, but we have this living memory of what's happening every day through the gospel around the world."

For much more from Pastor Ron Lewis on how God is multiplying his son's death and how Lewis himself is being used of God to reach people for the gospel, listen to the entire episode of *Greenelines* at this link, and subscribe to *Greenelines* for more inspiring stories like this one. {eo}

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