

Study: Half of Christian Millennials Think It's Wrong to Share Their Faith

Evangelist Jay Lowder says he was shocked to learn more than half of practicing Christian Millennials think it's wrong to share their faith, according to a new Barna study.

"They're not equipped, they're very intimidated," Lowder says. "And that responsibility falls on pastors, because there's a lot of pastors that they themselves don't do the work of evangelism."

Lowder is a full-time evangelist with Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries.

According to the [study](#):

Almost all practicing Christians believe that part of their faith means being a witness about Jesus (ranging from 95 percent to 97 percent among all generational groups), and that the best thing that could ever happen to someone is for them to know Jesus (94 percent to 97 percent). Millennials in particular feel equipped to share their faith with others. For instance, almost three-quarters say they know how to respond when someone raises questions about faith (73 percent), and that they are gifted at sharing their faith with other people (73 percent). This is higher than any other generational group: Gen X (66 percent), Boomers (59 percent) and Elders (56 percent).

Despite this, many Millennials are unsure about the actual practice of evangelism. Almost half of Millennials (47 percent) agree at least somewhat that it is wrong to share one's personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith. This is

compared to a little over one-quarter of Gen X (27 percent), and one in five Boomers (19 percent) and Elders (20 percent). (Though Gen Z teens were not included in this study, their thoroughly [post-Christian posture](#) will likely amplify this stance toward evangelism.)

Lowder offers insight into the study, evangelism and more in this podcast interview. Check it out.

Why the Church Cannot Survive Without the Older Generations

In 1 Kings 12:1-15, King Rehoboam sabotaged the nation of Israel when he rejected the advice of his elders and instead only listened to his young friends and advisors. Kevin Jessip recently said on *The Jim Bakker Show* that the American church needs to be careful not to fall into the same trap as Rehoboam.

In the video, Jessip praises the faith and wisdom of the older generation, saying, “I believe, Jim, that the older generation today especially in the church—they’re the ones that built the church. They’re the ones that paid for the pews and the hymnals. And today it seems if you’re over 30 years of age, you’re not acceptable on the platform. But these people are the people that actually built the church. They’re the prayer warriors. They’re the intercessors. ... These are the people that have gone before us. They’ve lined the way. They’ve walked with God. And His testimony of faithfulness in their lives is necessary to be imparted to the next generation.”

Watch Jessip's full explanation of the importance of wisdom and older generations in this video.

John Hagee, Jentezen Franklin, Paula White Cain, Lance Wallnau Stand for Israel at the White House

Several charismatic leaders, including John Hagee, Jentezen Franklin, Paula White Cain and Lance Wallnau, stood with Israel at a White House meeting Thursday.

"I'm leaving the White House after a tremendous meeting on Middle East policy, things that we as evangelicals are very concerned about, peace in the Middle East, just some of the things that are going on, negotiations that are happening," Franklin says [in a video posted to social media](#).

"It's a pretty exciting time, and a time that we need to be praying for the peace of Jerusalem, praying for our government, praying for our president and leaders as they are negotiating for peace.

"Just keep that in mind and do all that you can do on your knees in prayer and being vocal," Franklin says.

Encouraging meeting today at the White House. It is so important to support and stand with Israel. Keep praying for our government, the President, the Supreme Court and all of our nation's leaders. pic.twitter.com/OVP4RIcxWd

– Jentezen Franklin (@Jentezen) [March 7, 2019](#)

Other leaders also shared their statements online.

Take a minute to listen to these important words from CUFI founder and Chairman [@PastorJohnHagee](#) , as he recaps today's trip to our nation's capital. pic.twitter.com/guHKktFP7S

– CUFI (@CUFI) [March 8, 2019](#)

Great meeting [@WhiteHouse](#) today. Thank u [@pastorjohnhagee](#) [@Paula_White](#) & other faith leaders for standing up for Israel! [@jdgreenblatt45](#) assistant to the President, [@jennifersks](#) [@realdonaldtrump](#) thank you for giving us your time on this critical issue for our leaders! pic.twitter.com/iwXS1xVnvD

– Jentezen Franklin (@Jentezen) [March 7, 2019](#)

I was pleased to go to the White House today for a listening session with [@jdgreenblatt45](#), and other faith leaders, to discuss the forthcoming peace plan. For Zion's sake we will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not hold our peace. pic.twitter.com/36tJBt76zr

– CUFI (@CUFI) [March 7, 2019](#)

The Trump administration is in the midst of rolling out an Israeli-Palestinian peace plan.

A great listening session today [@WhiteHouse](#) with [@jdgreenblatt45](#) and many Evangelicals on Israel and the Middle East Peace Plan! Thank you [@realDonaldTrump](#) for the team you have assembled for this unprecedented opportunity!

– Paula White-Cain (@Paula_White) [March 8, 2019](#)

According to [CNN](#):

The top US officials will share details of the economic portion of their peace plan with several wealthy Arab countries as they look to secure financial support for the economic plan, which is designed to boost the Palestinian economy if Israelis and Palestinians reach a political settlement. Even though the officials will not address the administration's vision for a political settlement, the presentations will be the most significant to date of the administration's closely held peace plan. ...

Senior adviser Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, the special representative for international negotiations, will offer up the details to their counterparts during a weeklong trip at the end of the month to Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, the senior White House officials said.

Kushner and Greenblatt will be looking for the countries to back the concepts of the economic plan, but will not be asking for immediate financial pledges, mindful that these governments will first want to see details of the political settlement the Trump administration plans to offer, two senior White House officials said.

Greenblatt told the [Jewish Telegraphic Agency](#) the Trump administration would not reveal the plan until after Israel's April elections, but no formal deadline was set.

"We've developed an economic plan in addition to the political plan which is essential to not only make the political plan successful, but to make sure they can have the kinds of lives both Israelis and Palestinians deserve," he said. "The economic plan is essential to any success of the political plan."

Charisma News will update this story.

Women Suffer More Complex Persecution Than Men, Report Finds

In the latest in-depth report focused on gender persecution, the 2019 Open Doors World Watch List reveals that gender contributes to a large disparity in the methods used for religious persecution. While men experience religious persecution that is focused, severe and visible due to socioeconomic ostracism and brutal physical violence, women, who face double persecution because of their gender and religious beliefs, experience religious persecution that is violent, hidden and complex from sexual violence, forced marriage and rape. Rape was found to be common in 47 percent of the 50 countries surveyed among women who identified as Christian.

Rita, a Christian woman from the Iraqi town of Qaraqosh, is still suffering with the hidden wounds of persecution. She was 26 when Islamic State militants invaded and took her captive (she was one of the Iraqis who stayed and resolved to not leave her elderly father). Over the course of four years, Rita was sold and bought four times as a sex slave and endured beatings, rape, mockery, intimidation, isolation and more before finally being freed in 2017. Islamic State militants see Christian women as goods they can buy, sell and torture for disobedience, she said.

As Christians, women are also largely restricted in their free choice or practice of religion through domestic and social actors. Persecutors can simply take advantage of women's limitations and vulnerabilities as women in their culture in

combination with their vulnerabilities as members of a minority faith. Christian women are much more vulnerable to sexual violence like rape and forced marriage than other women.

In 59 percent of the 50 countries surveyed, sexual assault was described as a characteristic of religious persecution. Christian women who do not dress like Muslim women, such as not wearing a hijab, are easily and immediately identified and can be subject to sexual harassment on the street.

For women, rape and sexual violence are connected to honor and used intentionally to dishonor Christian women and their community. Women will bring shame upon their families if they fail to uphold high norms surrounding their sexuality. Thus if a woman converts to Christianity, she is much more prone to sexual violence. Rape is often used as a deliberate form of punishment in reaction to conversion to Christianity.

When Esther was 17, Boko Haram attacked her Christian village of Gwoza in Nigeria's Borno state and abducted her, along with numerous other young girls. The militants did everything they could to make the Christian girls renounce their faith. A few of the men wanted to marry Esther. Because she would not give in to their demands to renounce her faith and marry, Esther was raped continually as punishment and eventually impregnated by one of the many men who violated her.

Other means of punishment due to conversion include forced divorce and denial of custody of children: 35 percent of the countries surveyed mentioned forced divorce, and 31 percent of surveyed countries mentioned denial of custody of children for Christian women. If their Christian conversion is discovered, women are also often forced to marry a Muslim as a means of bringing the woman back to the correct religion, a task put on the new husband. Other times, a Christian girl is kidnapped and forced into marriage in a dominant-religion family. Of those countries surveyed, 57 percent noted forced marriage as

a means to persecute Christian women.

Maizah is one of thousands of women who faced the possibility of a forced marriage when she chose to leave Islam and convert to Christianity. When her conversion was exposed, Maizah was beaten by a group of Muslim men who demanded she become the fourth wife of one of the men who had just attacked her. Maizah was forced to flee her home.

“Religious persecution is gender-specific. The way men and women experience religious persecution is directly associated with their socio-culturally accepted gender identity and roles. Women have virtually no means legally or in society to stand up for themselves and fight against these human rights violations,” said [David Curry](#), president and CEO of Open Doors USA.

For men, economic harassment ranked No. 1 as the primary pressure point of religious persecution, followed by shaming or shunning, physical violence, government incarceration and military/militia service. Because of this, men are most vulnerable in their positions as primary breadwinners and church leaders. Because men are seen as willfully making the wrong religious choice—as opposed to women who are perceived as misguided—men are more likely to face harsher punishments and physical abuse and torture. (Women are also less likely to be killed for their faith because of this perception.) Men are also more likely to be imprisoned for their faith by the state, as one third of the 50 countries surveyed said the government used arrests, interrogations, legal charges and sentencing or indefinite imprisonment without charge as means of religious persecution and intimidation. In contrast, only 8 percent of countries surveyed cited using this means for women. Physical violence was cited in 36 percent of the countries for men. The inclusion of torture as a part of physical violence occurs only with men, except in North Korea, which uses torture on both.

Both men and woman face shaming or shunning equally as a means to dissuade them from their chosen faith. This is an especially powerful means of social pressure for countries with a highly explicit honor-shame system such as India and Pakistan.

Listen to the podcast to hear David Curry discuss persecution in depth.

How Democrats Just Violated the 7 Things the Lord Hates

Most of us are familiar with the seven things that will put you on God's naughty list. If not, let Solomon refresh your memory.

"A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness who speaks lies, and he who sows discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19).

Recently, over 40 U.S. Senators, including six candidates for president, brazenly ran the table on all seven points, and we don't have to guess God's mood right about now. But to most of them, God's list has no bearing in their inclusionary, enlightened orbits, anyway.

So, swathed in haughtiness, ignoring substantiated mental and psychological consequences, emboldened by the goading of an angry and depraved peanut gallery, they made a willful decision to step over every natural and spiritual semblance of compassion and morality with their death vote.

For years, heated debates have ensued regarding an allowable abortion date. Before the first trimester ends? Perhaps the second? But never the third. That's too barbaric, they said. Until now.

In this vote, the governing gaggle, under the guise of Women's Rights, affirmed the practice of intentionally denying medical care to a newborn baby, putting it on the side, allowing it to die. We're so compassionate and tolerant these days.

So there is now a fourth trimester? (Math teachers, don't call me). The death trimester. There's no way to smoothly explain this away. This is depraved. This is pagan. This is murder.

In fact, a few days earlier, in the New York statehouse, cheers erupted, and then, the pandering governor ordered the iconic high rise to be lit bright pink to revel in the sanctioned killing of innocents. Although his little light show hijacked one of the great symbols used to encourage and celebrate our brave ladies who fight cancer, there was nothing brave about what these "wise ones" celebrated.

And forget it if you're expecting apologies or remorse. They want their way. They want their agenda. And if we lose a few globs of tissue in the process? Some minor collateral damage? So be it.

We shouldn't be surprised. The Word clearly warns of the escalation of evil. But it now seems that some of the same anger and rage have trickled into a hallowed place, as some of the hostile divides of the outside have subtly seeped inside. It's just better-dressed.

Good people now get shamed and isolated unless they spout the authorized verbiage. As a result, many of the ones who could and should speak are hiding behind the rocks like David's brothers when the giant was bellowing his threats.

Intimidating speech has no place in God's house. But the

“either/or” lines have been drawn. Stray out of those lines, and you might be shunned to a pretentious time out, pronounced a “hater,” “a bigot” or “not our kind of Christian.”

More than ever, we need righteous words spoken with conviction, clarity and love. But those who speak had better brace themselves for the repercussions, from without and from within.

In today’s America, this spirit is evident. In deciding what’s acceptable, some have even been shamed and have had to apologize for the terrible crime of being seen with the president of the United States.

Partnering with this policy, a new Christianized enlightenment, suggesting, in order to relate, we might need to “unhitch ourselves from the Old Testament,” or to embrace a loving version of socialism or an inclusionary truth-bending crusade catering to same-sex seekers.

Because of this discord and disconnect, in another collateral damage moment, real issues are getting lost, even to the point of where we’re not moved by the thought of babies left on a table to die.

We desperately need clear voices with a clear sound. Lord, let it be!

“If the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for the battle?” (1 Cor. 14:8).

Right now, with sanctioned murder, encouraged anarchy and even pressure from the pews, we need people who can and will speak! But many remain fearful, tentative and tongue-tied. In the process, strong voices, whether against the silliest of social commentary or the unconscionable threats of today, are nullified and stilled.

When we unhitch from the Word, foolishness like collateral

murder is easier to pull off. And it breaks God's heart.

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What to Do When You Feel Trapped in God's Will

Recently, I was reading in Genesis about Noah. I was rereading words I thought I had read so many other times. The story of Noah building the ark, and his family and the animals all loading onto it along with the Scripture in Genesis 7:16 seemed to call out to me. The last half of the verse reads, "Then the Lord shut him in."

This Scripture seemed to stop me for a moment. The Lord shut them in? Like the Lord shut the door? I was baffled. Surely it must have some other meaning. So I scoured translations and concordances. Nope. It means exactly what it says: The Lord shut the door to the ark.

If you think about this scene long enough, you can imagine the details. Noah has been called by God to build this huge boat, so he does just that. He builds it for years and years. He is ridiculed. His family is mocked. Then one day, the animals begin to show up.

I have often thought about Noah's daughters-in-law. The Bible doesn't say much about their families. Did they have them? Who did they leave behind?

In utter bewilderment, like a surreal dream, they find themselves walking onto the ark. Were they scared? Did they grasp what was happening? Noah had heard from God, but what about his family? They were trusting God through Noah. I am sure the animals were loud and smelled bad.

The family had too long to think about this moment. They had hammered, sawed and prepared. Now, that moment had come. As they stepped into their new home, God shut the door. Was there a sound when he did? Was it an echo in the wooden ark? Did they feel it as it vibrated into their insides? Their world, everything that they had known before, was now separated from them with thick wooden walls.

Then the rain came. Was it a sprinkle at first? Was it a downpour? Did the people on the outside stare upward with their mouths open wide? They had never seen rain before. How long did it take for them to understand that Noah had been right? Did they get concerned when the rain went to their ankles? When it went to their knees, did they start pounding on the ark?

I can't imagine the screams and the sounds of the people as Noah's family huddled on the other side of the door. How long was it until they could no longer hear what was going on outside? Did the rain drown out those cries? When the boat lifted off of the earth because the water was too deep, did Noah's family even exchange words, or was the shock just too much?

Then as the shock wore off and the monotony set in, who was the first to voice complaints about how long they had been on the ark? Was caring for the stinking animals wearing on them, or were they all just happy to be alive? As the days passed and boredom continued, what was it like on the ark?

When the ark finally hit land again, it was up on a mountain. Mount Aarat was its final destination. God shut the door to

the ark, kept Noah's family and the animals safe, and took them up.

I have been following the Lord for over 30 years now. As I sat reading this story, I couldn't help but think of times in my life where I felt God had shut me in. I know I've never lived through a flood, and I am not trying to compare my journey to Noah, but I've had times in my life where claustrophobic situations made me feel as if I had been stuck in the same circumstance for too long, and frustration began to set in. There have been times where I was sure things would go one way, and they went another way altogether.

Doors shutting in your face can make you grow weary if you let them. I could see those times, and so clearly I could see that in them, God shut the door. When God shut the doors for Noah and his family, it wasn't to make them be frustrated but to save them. God shut those doors for their protection, and when the season was over, they were standing on higher ground.

I feel God wants some people to hear this today. If the doors shut in your life that you were sure were supposed to open, stop being frustrated at God. He loves you. He has good plans for your life. Let Him take you through this storm and raise you up to higher ground. You can't stay in that ark forever.

God did not tell Noah's family to build the ark as a permanent home, but as a vessel to save them and to bring them up. You have to take your eyes off your current situation and fix them on heaven. Trust in your God, for truly, He loves you more than you know. He hasn't brought you this far to let you stay on that ark forever.

God is also a door opener!

To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

"He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens,

says these things: I know your works. Look! I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it. For you have a little strength, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name (Rev. 3:7-8).

I know the time on the ark seems long. I know it can get easy to get stuck in the day-to-day rhythm and feel as if you will never break free. I know it's easy to wonder why some of those doors have shut in your life. I know sometimes when doors shut it's painful, and it feels there are things forever separated from you. But God sees you. He sees you there doing what He has put before you. Even after you begin to see the "olive branch" there may be times where doors still stay closed because it isn't quite time yet. But the time is coming. God is setting before you a door that no one will shut. Trust Him.

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Why Your Horrible Situation Isn't Too Big for God's Grace

John 10:10 (AMP) has been a favorite Scripture for me for many years now. It says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."

This verse opened my eyes to the truth that Jesus gave His life so I could have a good life now, here in this world, and not just when I go to heaven someday. But the question was: How can I actually have abundant life in Christ?

There were many years when I was a Christian, yet I struggled and strived much of the time to live the way Jesus teaches us to live in God's Word. I saw in 2 Corinthians 5:17 and 21 that I had become a new creation and was the righteousness of God in Christ, but there were still many things about me that needed to change.

Honestly, I was a mess! I was insecure, unhappy most of the time and hard to get along with. My father had abused me for years when I was growing up, and it had caused a lot of damage in my soul—my mind, will and emotions.

But when I saw that God wanted me to actually enjoy my daily life and have it "in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]," it gave me hope that there was more for me through my faith in Christ. And it was possible by His grace.

Grace, Grace and More Grace

A common definition for grace is "God's undeserved

favor”—something God does for us that we don’t deserve and can’t earn. But it’s also power to become more like Jesus and live in a way that shows His love to the world.

Ephesians 2:8 (ESV) says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” I understood that salvation—the forgiveness of my sins—was a gift that was given to me by God’s grace. What I didn’t know was that His grace is also the source of power to change and live right.

James 4:6 (AMPC) says, “But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).”

The same way we come into a personal relationship with Christ—by grace through faith—is the same way we must live after we’re born again if we want to have the life Jesus died for us to have. And He gives “more and more grace” as we need it, so it doesn’t matter what we’ve been through, what we’ve done, where we come from or whether we got a good start in life.

The power of God can work in our lives to bring healing, restoration and transformation to our souls, giving us the freedom to fulfill our God-given destiny!

There’s No ‘Case’ That’s Too Hard for God

Sometimes people ask, “If I’m a new creation in Christ, then why am I still doing wrong things and failing to measure up to the life Jesus teaches us to live in the Bible?” They may feel they are a “special case” because of something that has happened to them or something they’ve done.

It’s easy to discount yourself and think, *You don’t understand my situation. After everything that’s happened, I can never be*

healthy and whole. And after years of sexual, emotional and physical abuse at the hand of my father, I understand that feeling.

But God's love for you is greater than your mistakes, failures and any hurt you've experienced from what others have done to you. His grace can work in your life, transforming you into the person He created you to be.

I know this is true from personal experience. Learning how to live by grace through faith in Christ has literally transformed my life! Now I have real peace, joy, contentment and fulfillment in my everyday life. It's truly amazing to live this way.

You can have this abundant life in Christ, too. Make a decision to diligently seek Him ... spend time with Him in prayer and Bible study. Ask Him to help you live by grace, and He will meet you where you are and show you the way. God cares deeply for you, and He wants you to succeed in having the life He's created you to live.

Motorcycle-Riding, Gun-Dealing Cop-Turned-Pastor Marvels at International Miracles

Churchgoers outside the eight Rocky Mountain States might raise an eyebrow or two at the idea of a tough motorcycle-riding ex-cop turned federally-sanctioned gun dealer becoming senior pastor of their church.

Odd though it may seem, this same tent-making pastor, working as a property manager alongside his wife in the small mountain town of Estes Park, Colorado, is also perfectly and precisely equipped by his Lord and Savior to be a highly-fruitful missionary to some of the darkest regions of Africa. After hearing several second-hand accounts of miraculous crusades, healings and even reported deliverance from death in Uganda this past December, I felt compelled to visit Pastors Steve and Lorna Ferrante at their small home near Park Fellowship Church in Estes Park.

In 27 trips to Uganda, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and others in that region of Southeastern Africa over the past two decades, Pastor Steve has laid hands on hundreds of people—watching and marveling as person after person receives instant healing from deafness, blindness, the ravages of malaria and other diseases of all varieties.

All of this occurs openly, in public crusades at the heart of Muslim communities riven with scores of witch doctors and witches invoking magical practices—cultures of death that only tough, committed and fully Spirit-driven missionaries such as Pastor Steve could endure and survive. Time after time, day after day, he finds people writhing on the ground and, on occasion, vomiting vile buckets of demonic filth. Five people in a row were cured of deafness, followed by two who were healed of malaria.

Pastor Steve's favorite stories involve a fiery Ugandan pastor nicknamed "Smart." This supercharged, Spirit-filled leader of Uganda Christian Outreach Ministries occupies outdoor platforms in Muslim neighborhoods with the courage of a Caleb. As he speaks, members of his team move about the crowd, laying hands on everyone and praying. Many healings and other manifestations result—every time.

This writer can only ask: How many pastors of far more traditional and much larger American churches have experienced

such manifestations of God's power? Very few, I would suggest. This is why I felt compelled to go visit him after hearing second-hand reports of nonstop miracles resulting from two recent missions to Uganda.

Pastor Steve was speaking with a uniformed sheriff's deputy as we pulled into the church parking lot, engaged in an intense conversation we chose not to interrupt. A bit later, Pastor Steve apologized, explaining there was need of his assistance from a family whose relative had died, leaving several firearms for them to deal with.

What a way to start a conversation with a superbly qualified and uniquely anointed man of God.

Pastor Steve's story is long, complicated and somewhat unbelievable while fully credible. As a child in California, he suffered from a degeneration of the brain's sight center which, doctors said, would render him blind by the age of 12. His believing parents would not accept this medical verdict, and their prayers bore good fruit. Also during childhood, severe ear infections rupturing his ear drums on numerous occasions left him completely deaf. Yet again, his faithful parents prayed him back to full good health. And all of this was merely the beginning of a truly miraculous life.

He grew up in a Holy Spirit-filled church but did not initially feel a strong urge to minister. He subsequently went into law enforcement and spent 20 years as a cop in California and Florida. In the process, he married another believer, his high school sweetheart, Lorna. Together, they had four children, leading now to eight grandchildren and counting. Throughout their marriage, they stayed active in church work, including special interest in teen ministries. Lorna also worked as a preschool teacher for 10 years and made missions trips with her husband to Swaziland and Zambia

In looking back on the Florida years, Pastor Steve recalls

they had always felt a special 'pull' to deliverance and missionary programs. So it was that he found himself one day serving as associate pastor at Calvary Christian Center in Inverness, Florida, where the doors to African missions opened widely before him. Nearly 15 quick years passed, but the pull to foreign missions work and deliverance outreaches only grew stronger. God forcefully came into the picture, and a subsequent series of events, many of them wildly humorous, led to a linkage via friends, in Centennial, Colorado, south of Denver, to a further friendship linkage in 7,522-high elevation Estes Park.

"Basically," Pastor Steve laughed, "I was invited to co-pastor a church in this mountain town. But not long after, the head pastor, who spent 10 years building up and solidifying Park Fellowship Church (AOG), resigned to take a new position in another city. He remains a close friend and business associate of ours."

Packed tightly within a grouping of several 14,000-foot elevation mountains in the High Rockies, Estes Park seemed an unlikely spot from which to spark numerous missions projects aimed at Uganda and beyond. But despite a severe lack of funding, the outreaches led by Pastor Steve have resulted in helping to establish three churches in the heart of Islamic regions of Uganda, along with the beginnings of plans for schooling Christian and, God willing, Muslim youth.

It seems Islamic schools in the region are very well equipped, while alternative offerings are severely wanting. Even Christian converts send their kids to the Muslim schools because of superior facilities and supplies. Steve and Lorna have made this problem a No. 1 priority. At the January 2019 dedication of their third church in the region, the Colorado group began actual construction on a formal school connected to the Ugandan Christian movement.

"The excitement of the crusades is heady stuff. The ardor and

commitment of the Ugandan people goes beyond most of what I've seen in the U.S.," Steve explains. "They usually are held outdoors, and draw in many curious Muslims who stand at the perimeters watching and listening. As the miracles, the deliverances and the joyfully loud worshipping gains momentum, they get caught up and are drawn in. The healings quickly follow. I have personally seen scores of Muslims brought into the kingdom, and this goes on nearly every week of the year.

"Events foreign missionaries and local Ugandan pastors initiated 30 years ago have taken root and are now primarily indigenous in nature. Most needed is funding for schools and the building of more churches," he continued. "These needs are what drive us. How the needs will be met, God alone knows. Lorna and I will just keep on doing what we do for as long we are breathing. The schools will be built. It's all in the hands of God!"

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Luis Palau: What Every Believer Needs to Know About

Heaven, Hell and Death

International evangelist Luis Palau preached about life after death earlier this year at Bayside Church, which has seven campuses in northern California. After getting diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, Palau says he's been studying death and the afterlife. In this message, Palau explains some of the most interesting and exciting realizations about heaven, hell and death that stood out to him while studying the Bible recently.

Kris Vallotton Hears Prophetic Word of Multigenerational Revival

Kris Vallotton, senior associate leader of Bethel Church and cofounder of the Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, says he heard God tell him that revival is not coming from the youth, but from every generation—the old, middle-aged and young all uniting together as one generation.

After hearing several prophetic words about revival coming to the youth, Vallotton says he heard God tell him, “Omission is powerful. ... If you say the revival's coming from the youth, what are you saying to the middle-aged and what are you saying to the elders?”

He says it's important to show respect to every group in the church, noting, “Revival doesn't have a gender. It doesn't have a generation—old and young. And it doesn't have a social class. ... It's doesn't matter how much money you have. You're

included.”

Vallotton explains this prophetic word and teaching in this short sermon clip.