

Virtual Thunderstorms of Blessings Rain Down as Asian Captives Set Free for Christ

National missionary Jesu Das was horrified when he first visited one village and found no believers there. The people were all worshipping hundreds of different deities, and four men controlled them through their witchcraft.

Stories were told of how these witch doctors could kill people's cattle and destroy their crops with black magic. People suddenly became ill and died without explanation. The destruction and bondage the villagers were living in are hard to imagine. Scars, decay and death marked their faces because they were totally controlled by the powers of darkness.

When Das told them about Christ, it was the first time they ever heard of a God who did not require sacrifices and offerings to appease His anger. As Das continued to preach in the marketplace, many people came to know the Lord.

But the leaders in the community were outraged. They warned Das that if he did not leave the village, they would call on evil spirits to kill him, his wife and their children.

Das did not leave. He continued to preach, and villagers continued to be saved.

A Higher Power

Finally, after a few weeks, the witch doctors came to Das and asked him the secret of his power.

"This is the first time our power did not work," they told him. "After doing our black magic, we asked the spirits to go and kill your family. But the spirits came back and told us they could not approach you or your family because you were

always surrounded by fire. Then we called more powerful spirits to come after you—but they too returned, saying not only were you surrounded by fire, but angels were also around you all the time.”

Das told them about Christ. The Holy Spirit convicted each of them of their sin of following evil spirits and of the judgment to come. With tears, they repented and received Jesus Christ as Lord. As a result, hundreds of other villagers were set free from sin and bondage.

A Perfect Storm

Through an indigenous organization in Thailand, where more than 200 national missionaries are doing pioneer village evangelism, members of one group personally shared their faith with 10,463 people in two months. Of these, 171 gave their lives to Christ, and six new fellowships were formed. More than 1,000 came to Christ in the same reporting period. Remember, this work of God is happening in a Buddhist nation that never has seen such results

Reports like these come to us daily from national outreach teams in almost every Asian nation. But I am convinced these are only the first few drops of revival rain.

In order to make the necessary impact, we must see hundreds of thousands more workers sent out. We are no longer praying for the proverbial “showers of blessings.”

Instead, I am believing God for virtual thunderstorms of blessings in the days ahead. {eoa}

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