

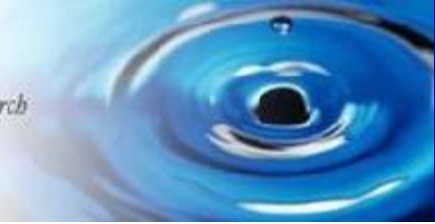


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FAITH STORIES

"It started with a question..."

by Mac Scheidegger



"In 1999, I met Peter Grant, and his family. They were looking to buy a home and I was showing them one of my listings. I asked him what he did for a living; he told me "I'm a pastor---but other than that I'm perfectly normal!" After a brief conversation, Peter asked me, "So Mac, do you go to church?" That question began a discussion that led to a process that developed into a friendship that continues to this day. At the time, the question seemed to come out of

Dear Friends,

Our bad news is the same as your bad news...house prices collapsing, the stock market plunging, the global economy in recession, bombings in Mumbai, attacks on Christians in India and Iraq, not to mention job lay-offs, church budgets shrinking, ministry lay-offs, and on and on...

Perhaps **you've been affected by it. We have.** Becky and I have already survived two years of our own "recession"---less than we've ever had to live on! And there could not be a more dangerous time to be traveling overseas on an American or British passport.

We all need to live by faith, whether in "full-time ministry" or not. Two years ago we stepped out in faith, without a safety net, to start a whole new ministry, believing the Lord would have us take the whole gospel to the whole world through leadership conferences and gospel events overseas. We believed that Christians in the USA would share the vision and support us to do this--benefiting national pastors and missionaries who often need the greatest encouragement (read article on persecution below) and can afford the least.

So what keeps all the bad news in perspective? **The good news is this---our faith develops in hard times and is worth more than gold!** *"These (trials) have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."* (1 Peter 1:7 NIV). We continue confidently looking to the Lord for His provision month by month and His protection for me as I travel and for the family at home.

Enjoy reading and thanks for your prayers.

Yours,

Peter

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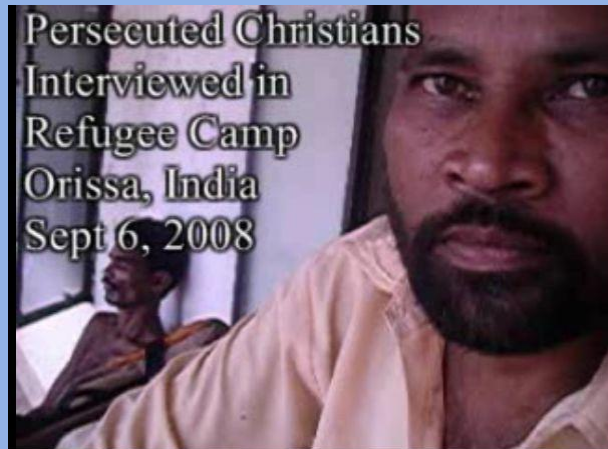
nowhere -- but I now know the question came from somewhere! A simple question, but for me a life-changing one. A question that would lead me to the most important decision of my life. A question I had been avoiding for twenty years.

For some reason, even though I had just met the man, I started to explain myself, perhaps even to defend myself. "Do I go to church? No; not since college" I answered, "Look, I grew up going to church. In fact, when I was in high school, I seriously thought about becoming a pastor, so I met with the pastor at my church. He actually discouraged me! Said it was stressful; not a lot of money. Then I went off to college and eventually stopped going to church." "Why?" Peter asked "Because I could no longer honestly, comfortably say that I believed in Jesus Christ as the Son of God."

I continued explaining my uncertainty and ambivalence toward Jesus Christ. "Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying I don't believe in Jesus Christ, I'm just saying I don't know. What I do know is that I believe in God, and I try to be a good person."

"So Mac, you believe in God?" Peter asked.

"Absolutely, no doubts, Peter---the sun and the moon and the stars, the rivers, the oceans, the birds and bees, the flowers, the trees.



You may not be able to go to the mission field but you can pray for the church around the world. **I want to share how pray in an informative, meaningful, daily way.** Before that, here are just a sample of the emails and calls I have had in the last few months from believers around the world:

- **India:** Hope and Help International, one of our our partners in India, writes, *"We know firsthand of instances that have happened to pastors and church planters that we are working with. Some have been beaten, others tied up and doused with gasoline only to be saved by sympathetic villagers before the match was lit, others have had their churches burned to the ground."* Click [here](#) for a YouTube video of believers in Orissa, India (warning --- this is not for those with a weak stomach). Scores have been killed (some burned to death), hundreds have been injured, and over 4,500 houses and churches have been burned or destroyed. Thousand more are hiding in fear having fled their homes.
- **Iraq:** Rev. Canon Andrew White, chaplain of St. George's Church in Baghdad, writes, *"In 2007, we watched as Christians were persecuted, killed, and massacred in Dura, south of Baghdad. Many fled Baghdad and went to the safe area of Nineveh in the heart of Mosul. The place they fled to is the heart of the Christian community. In recent days, the Christians have again been targeted, killed, and massacred....Our church warden's nephew and his father had just been shot dead outside their house in Nineveh. Alhassan, the nephew, was due to be engaged that same week. As I left church, I was phoned again by church members who had heard that their family home in Nineveh had been blown up...."* more [here](#)
- **Turkey:** A church is told they can no longer use their building because it is not "permitted". Fruitless hours, weeks and months of discussions, applications, negotiations and appeals yield nothing; the church is not allowed to meet.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, suffering around the world, most often

Absolutely there is a God."
"Okay, Mac, I suggest that you to pray to God. And I want you to ask HIM to clear up any uncertainty about Jesus Christ for you..."
(read more [here](#))

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CAR DONATION PROGRAM (NEW)

You can support our mission through our new car donation program. This is a free, convenient service for converting that extra car, truck, or RV into a tax deductible donation benefiting PreVision Partnership. They'll even pick it up from you! Click [here](#) or on the image below for details.



You may also want to make a one-time or regular financial donation. We are still praying for another **35 Ministry Founding Partners** to reach our 100+ total and become fully funded. To make a one time, year-end, or special gift or to become a Ministry Founding Partner click [here](#) or on the image

ask that we pray for them to maintain and even increase their witness to Jesus Christ! The Gospel spreads through Acts 1:8 and Acts 8:1!

- Acts 1:8 (NIV) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- Acts 8:1,4 (NIV) 1 ...**On that day a great persecution broke out against the church** at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.....3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. 4 **Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.**

And here is the neat way I have found to pray every day. Paste this link--- <http://www.operationworld.org/today> --- into the home page in your Web browser (most browsers can handle several "home" pages simultaneously) . Each day you open your web browser, a new country of the world will be displayed with prayer suggestions and facts for that country from Patrick Johnston's *Operation World*. Check it out and let me know what you think.

Finishing 2008...Plans for 2009

We finished 2008 with a fabulous Annual Dinner in November, wonderfully hosted by our Board and our PreVision Volunteer Partners (M.V.P.'s --- Most Valuable Players!). At the dinner, we handed out a new DVD "A Look at the Ministry of PreVision Partnership" with footage from events around the world (email us if you want a copy; the intro can be viewed online [here](#)) and we ran a background slide show of ministry trips (available online [here](#)).

The 2009 schedule includes conferences and ministry in **South Africa in March, Greece in May and/or June, Brazil in July, Scotland in September, India and Nepal in October and Greece and Israel in November.** Please contact me if I am in your area and you want to book an event. Our 2009 goal is to teach and train 5,000 overseas pastors, missionaries and leaders to be renewed by the Gospel and effective in sharing the Gospel.

Several overseas partners, unable to attend the Annual Dinner, sent greetings instead. A few are listed below. We want you to know that your prayers are the reason for this very positive feedback. Don't ever underestimate the power of your prayers on our behalf!

- *"Peter's teaching ministry at the last two National Conferences of the Association of Evangelists has proved a great source of inspiration. Many of our Evangelists were encouraged, inspired and motivated through Peter's anointed messages (especially on being fishers of men)....the ministries & churches in Africa are the richer for this sacrificial ministry."* **Cecil Peasley, Executive Director, South African Association of Evangelists**

below.



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Check out [PreVision's MySpace](#)

Thanks to the urging, online skills and know-how of my 15 year-old daughter, Fiona, PreVision Partnership now has a MySpace!

Check it out [here](#)
If you want to do a little fund-raising for us, the PayPal widget can be added to any site! Simply click "Add to Profile" and follow the instructions.

- *"Wherever he went Peter endeared himself to the people with his warmth, his sense of humour and the clarity of his messages. Many lives were touched and challenged."* **Dr Nico Bougas, Cape Town, South Africa: Editor Emeritus, Today Magazine**
- *"...the greatest need that we clearly observe is that the local pastors and missionaries are in great need of training ...many were blessed by your teachings and encouraged by your subject...you spoke with conviction and very clearly explained from the Word of God, especially on the subject of 'Fishers of men'. They asked if there is any chance to bring you again to these areas and conduct such conferences. We believe wholeheartedly and pray that God would bring you several times to our country to strengthen the Pastors and missionaries. We are also planning to conduct Gospel meetings...there are thousands of villages where people never heard the Gospel. We believe and pray that the people will recognize this need and send you to our country on behalf of them and strengthen our ministry where there is great need."* **Dr. Victor Nandigam, Grace Gospel Ministries, Hyderabad, India**
- *"Peter went into Pollsmoor Prison and was used greatly of God in the lives of staff and prisoners....His anointed preaching and teaching of God's Word was greatly appreciated by all the churches....We need his passion and compassion!"* **John Doyle, Executive Director, Cape Missions Int'l, Cape Town, South Africa**

Pray for our President-elect!

For a GREAT article on the USA Presidential election outcome read, ["The Day After: Pray for Our President and Our Nation"](#) by senior statesman of the Christian world, Chuck Colson.