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Dear Friend,

Recently, in the northern part of India, a \$500,000 reward was offered to any brave person willing to kill a Christian pastor.

I learned of this during my trip to India in August, and it made me realize that the window of opportunity may soon be closing in many parts of the world.

India is becoming increasingly resistant to the gospel message, even as many of its people long to hear more about Jesus.

Mondel and his wife were staunch Muslims. They had grown up hating Christians and their meat-eating ways. They prayed five times a day and faithfully read the Koran. But God was working in their hearts, and Mondel's wife listened to the Christian messages on her radio whenever she could. Like Mary of old, she "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19).

Then one day something amazing happened. A man arrived from Bangladesh and greeted Mondel as he sat in front of his house. The man—who said his name was Roboni—told Mondel that he was a Christian Muslim.

Mondel had never heard of such a thing, so he invited Roboni inside for tea. When the tea was served, Roboni offered up a prayer in the local Indian dialect. Mondel was surprised, because he only prayed in Arabic, even though he couldn't understand much of what he was saying. To his surprise, Roboni ended the prayer by saying, "In the name of Jesus, Amen."

When Mondel asked Roboni about this, the visitor replied, "You pray a prayer you can't understand. What use is it if you don't know what you're saying to God?"

This intrigued Mondel, and being a leader in the local mosque, he brought 25 people along to hear Roboni's views. They discussed the Koran, and Mondel heard things he had never known before.



Then Roboni asked the people to close their eyes for prayer. Mondel believed that closing one's eyes meant you were praying to the devil, so during the prayer he searched the crowd, but no one had closed their eyes. No one, that is, except for one person—his wife!

Mondel confronted her that night. “Don’t you know that by closing your eyes you’re praying to the devil?” he shouted.

His wife replied that if you believe in Jesus, it doesn’t matter whether or not your eyes are closed, because the devil cannot harm you.

This made Mondel furious. Overcome with rage, he locked his wife in the bedroom and began beating her mercilessly and ripping her hair out, intent on killing her. She had been hiding the truth from him, and he would not tolerate it. But what he didn’t know was that already for five years, she had secretly been a Christian.

Mondel soon realized he couldn’t beat Jesus out of his wife, so he decided to prove her wrong. He started studying the Bible and the Koran together. To his astonishment, he realized he was wrong. Both holy books had some things in common, and both stated that the true day of worship was Saturday—not Friday or Sunday. The Bible also condemned eating unclean animals!

But where to find such true Christians? To his surprise, there was an Adventist church just 15 minutes away—and he discovered they followed the Bible! Now he deeply regretted his treatment of his wife, and decided to join her in following Jesus.

Mondel felt a deep desire to share these amazing new truths with his Muslim community, but the same rage that had filled him when he learned of his wife’s conversion now filled his community. One evening, 8,000 people surrounded his home, ready to kill him and his wife.

As Mondel and his wife prayed fervently for deliverance, the crowd suddenly began attacking each other and fighting amongst themselves. Soon they dispersed, never to return again. Today, Mondel and his wife continue to serve the Lord and share Jesus with the many Muslims in their community.



AWR broadcasts on 22 FM stations across India, reaching countless listeners.

In India, Adventist World Radio is sharing God’s end-time message on 22 FM stations, in 14 languages and dialects across the country. But we want to do more, because Jesus is coming soon! We are seeing the signs and know the winds of strife will soon be released in full force. But we are also seeing signs of God’s Spirit at work in amazing ways.



Solar-powered GodPods share hundreds of hours of Bible truths.

India has more than 33 million gods that demand worship, but the people of India need to hear that there is salvation in Jesus alone. It seems an impossible task, but it really isn't—because God's Spirit is at work in the hearts, convicting people of truth. Thousands upon thousands are listening to our radio programs, and now we've devised a plan to connect our listeners with their local churches, to take them from broadcast to baptism.

We are planning to take 10,000 "GodPods" to India.

These small solar-powered radios with pre-recorded Bible studies and health messages will be used by our

churches throughout India to share the gospel with people in their community. It will allow people like Mondel to discuss Bible truths with their neighbors, and once the studies have been listened to and understood, radios will be passed on to new interests.

But there is more! Plans are underway to hold more than 4,000 evangelistic meetings throughout India. This is the first time a massive event like this will take place across India, and I can't wait to see what God will do! For this purpose, we will be sending 2,000 projectors that will be needed for presenting health seminars, Bible studies, and for the evangelistic presentations.

These numbers are huge, but providentially, we were able to purchase the GodPods for just \$18 each, and the projectors for only \$100 each. Despite these incredible prices, if you do the math, the total is substantial at \$380,000!

Thanks to generous donors, we have been able to secure half the funds needed, but we're moving forward by faith, knowing that God will bless the work in India and provide the rest of the funding. In her book *Education*, Ellen White writes:

"From Japan and China and India... from every quarter of this world of ours, comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love. Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God or of His love revealed in Christ." (p. 262)

If this quote sounds familiar, it's because plans are underway to reach all three of these countries in a massive way with the gospel message in the next two years. And we know that if God is asking you and me to go, He will bless our efforts. In the book *Steps to Christ*, she writes:

"If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands. And all who could not personally engage in the work, would yet sustain it with their means, their sympathy, and their prayers." (p. 81)

Wow! That is exactly what you are doing through your generous prayers and support of Adventist World Radio. We could not continue to proclaim the gospel message without your support, because it's only by working together that we can finish the work and see Jesus return!



God is opening incredible doors of service everywhere for all who are willing to help with the preaching of the gospel. Even as the winds of strife are beginning to be felt around the world, God's Spirit is at work, drawing all sincere people like Mondel to Jesus.

Thank you for being a part of Adventist World Radio. Your generous support is making a difference for eternity. What a joy it will be to meet people like Mondel, his wife, and even Roboni in the kingdom of heaven, and know that you and I had a part to play in helping lead them to Jesus.

If you feel impressed to help with this evangelistic project, please take a moment to fill out the enclosed card and return it with your gift. It may just change a life forever.

Yours in the blessed hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Duane McKey'.

Duane McKey
President



P.S. We are seeing signs of Christ's soon return like never before. Nature is in upheaval, and political unrest is being felt on all sides. But right now we have a window of opportunity that may soon be closing in India. Our plan is to blanket that country through the airwaves and on the ground, and take our listeners from **broadcast to baptism**—from listening to Bible truth to a saving relationship with Jesus and His church. Thank you for making a difference, and for your support that is changing lives for eternity.