

# ReSOURCES

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Our gracious and compassionate God has shared His incredible vision to bring every tribe and nation to the feet of Jesus (Rev. 7:9). Throughout history, the Gospel has transcended borders and cultures, reaching hearts that yearn for hope and transformation. God's vision and longing is to heal the broken hearts and stories of His image-bearers who have been separated from Life and Light. He wants to draw them back to the blessings of relationship with their loving Creator as He always desired.

In these pages, you'll encounter deeply moving stories that have emerged from our work with unreached people groups in the MedRim and Bengal Initiatives. Each narrative shares the journey of individuals who have moved from spiritual darkness to the light of faith in Christ. Their experiences reflect God's relentless love and pursuit of every soul, reminding us of the profound impact His grace can have. As you immerse yourself in their transformative journeys, may you feel a renewed passion to share this good news with all nations, so that His Church can beautifully reflect the rich diversity of God's creation.

Join us in rejoicing over these stories of faith, and may they inspire you to continue seeking and sharing the light of Christ in your own communities and with unreached people around the world.



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# Setareh

In the heart of Iran, **Setareh\***, a passionate follower of Christ, embodied courage and compassion as she reached out to her dear friend Farnaz, who was courageously battling cancer. Despite her suffering, Farnaz clung firmly to her Islamic beliefs, resolute in her intent to seek healing from the Imams.

But as the nights unfolded, a profound mystery enveloped Farnaz\*. For an entire month, she was visited by the same haunting dream—a figure reading a prayer, imploring her to awaken and pray. Each night, the call grew stronger, reverberating through her very being, even as the words remained unfamiliar.

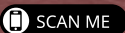
Finally, in a moment of desperation and hope, Farnaz invited Setareh to her home. With a heart full of anticipation, she shared the dream that had become her nightly companion, asking if Setareh recognized the prayer. Setareh's heart raced with joy as she opened her Bible, revealing the stunning truth: the prayer in Farnaz's dreams was the Lord's Prayer!

In that moment, a spark ignited within Farnaz. The Jesus who had reached out to her in the quiet of her dreams became her guiding light, illuminating a path she had never dared to tread. In a beautiful, transformative embrace of faith, Farnaz and her two daughters surrendered to this truth, stepping into a new journey as disciples of Christ whose hearts were filled with the joy of God's love and redemption.

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*\*The names used are pseudonyms for the specific people we reference, for their protection.*

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**S**ahil's journey began in India, in a poor family that worshipped monkeys. Growing up in a tough environment, he faced significant challenges and turned to alcohol as a teenager. By the age of 15, he left home, driven by the need for work and food.

After some time, he married Rachana, and they started a family. However, his struggles with addiction made life difficult, and their future seemed bleak. In 2013, Sahil met Paresh, who introduced him to Jesus. This encounter sparked a change in him, but it took four years of gradual transformation before he decided to fully commit to his faith and be baptized.

This decision came with severe consequences. His parents, unable to accept his new beliefs, rejected him, leaving him feeling isolated and abandoned. His older brothers, driven by fear and shame, sought to kill him, forcing Sahil into hiding. The weight of these losses was heavy, yet he persevered in his discipleship.

In 2022, Sahil became a board member of the Transform East Alliance, and he and Rachana became key leaders in the disciple-making movement network. Reflecting on his journey, he said, "Becoming a follower of Christ is like moving from living in a pond to living in the ocean. My world is now so enlarged." Together, they are now working to initiate a movement across five districts in West Bengal, sharing their story and inspiring others to find hope and change.



Dan Bouchelle

## Note from the President

**Y**ou can see how God is powerfully revealing Himself through dreams and visions, and the multiplication of Jesus-followers is being driven by disciples who walk alongside unreached people in their own relational circles, guiding them toward Christ. The MedRim Initiative anticipated that former followers of Allah, upon embracing Christianity, would become catalysts for disciple-making movements in their new communities or even back in their homelands—sometimes in person, sometimes remotely. Stories like this one of Setarah and Farnaz provide a glimpse of the transformative multiplication that has emerged from the MedRim work.

Sahil's path to a life with Jesus is one of many similar stories that are unfolding among unreached Hindu and Buddhist communities, where former adherents are now leading vibrant disciple-making movements. More and more individuals who once lived without the hope and love of Christ are finding new life as His disciples.

**None of this is possible without you.** God has called you to play a vital role in His Kingdom work. Whether you're feeling led to leave your familiar surroundings to become a cross-cultural worker, to lead a church in supporting and partnering with those on the front lines, or to financially back initiatives that seize the opportunities God is creating, your contribution is essential. Discover how we can help you fulfill your role in this meaningful mission.

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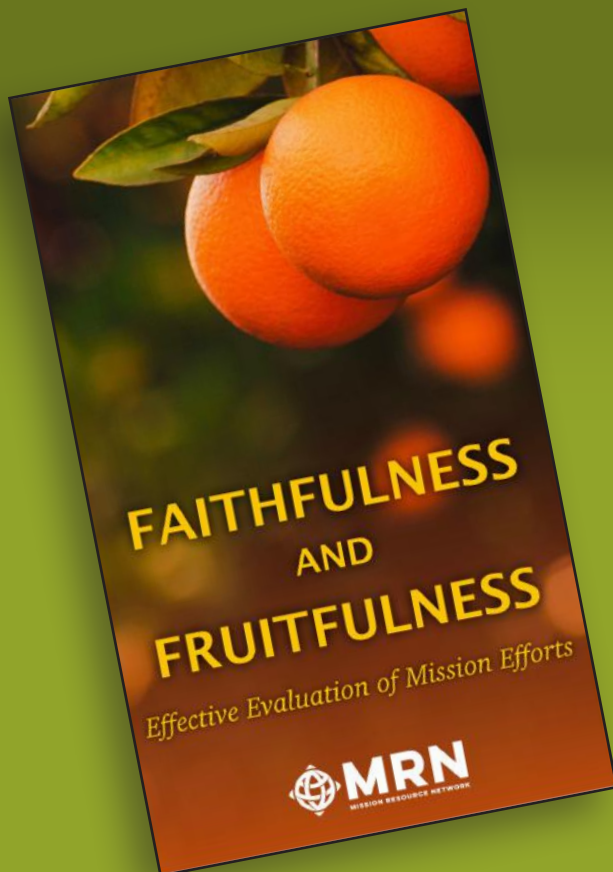
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