

September 2023 Prayer Letter

I am wrestling with a question: "How can someone make the Lord Jesus Christ relevant to a person of the Hindu or Buddhist faith?" During the last two summers I have worked towards answering this question.

This fall Global Frontier Mission canceled classes due to a low enrollment in our training school; my teaching will resume in January. I saw this cancellation as God's provision of more time for me to better equip myself to have answers to the question above.

With respect to Hinduism, I have spent much time reading in their foundational ancient texts. I have also done general reading in Buddhism. However, I have not yet extensively interacted with individuals from these backgrounds concerning their beliefs and experiences. On the other hand, I can honestly say that I have spent hundreds of hours discussing spiritual matters with Muslims over 15 years of Muslim ministry. This type of involvement with people of Eastern religions is not possible, but I pray that the Lord will lead and teach me how to share the Word of God with Hindus and Buddhists, so that I can pass this on to my students. Will you pray with me towards that end?

I am scheduled for a second epidural injection on October 3rd to help strengthen my back. I would appreciate your prayer that this procedure would lessen my experience of pain and weakness.

Suzanne is working with a prison inmate in a Bible correspondence course ministry. It's been a privilege for her to be involved in his growth in the knowledge and application of God's Word. Please pray that he will continue to grow in his love for Christ. Pray that Suzanne will know how to encourage his living out of his faith.

We were disappointed that the posture corrector has not helped in lifting her rib cage off her abdomen. This condition (kyphosis) is the result of severe curvature of her upper spine from vertebrae fractures. Pray the results of September 27th MRI of her back would enable the doctor to prescribe appropriate treatment.

With you thankfully in the harvest,

Bill and Suzanne