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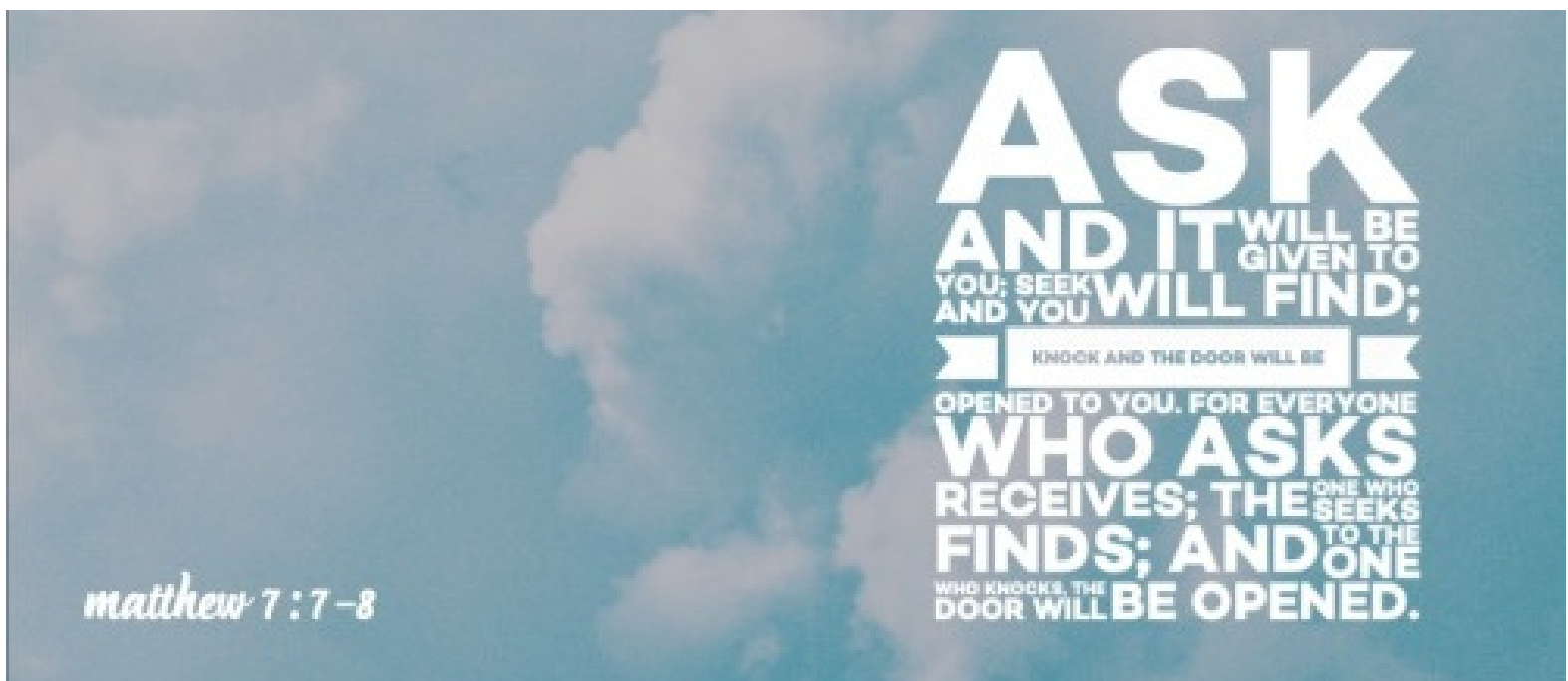
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OUR STORY

ASK Network's story is one that reflects God's creativity, His love for every nation and His extraordinary grace that includes us in His plans and purposes.

ASK grew out of a group of people who had prayed together for years, each from unique circumstances in different nations. We learned to pray by meditating in the Word of God and discerning His will. God gave us a heart to gather all who would come, sharing the joy we found in ASKing from His Word. Jesus said, "ASK that your joy may be full!" (John 16:24).

In 2008 we set aside 21 days to fast and worship. Yes, just worship! Each day we meditated on a chapter out of John's gospel—21 chapters for 21 days. Praise arose through what He showed us about Himself each day.

At the end of those 21 days, in five different ways God clearly spoke the name "ASK" to us. That made sense as Jesus said "ask" repeatedly (six times in all) at the Last Supper (John 14:13, 14:14, 15:7, 16:23, 16:24, 16:26). A simple but powerful and intimate way to pray is to ask! We loved that and knew we were to be called ASK. But there was more.

We wanted to welcome ALL who would come, gathering others just as Jesus would have done. We also knew that asking for the nations was our reason to gather. We would not gather to ask for our own concerns, but for God's. We wanted to declare our dependency on Him, acknowledging the One who answers. We wanted to declare our unity with those already praying in nations and acknowledge our own need for the Body of Christ worldwide. A vision statement defining ASK Network was then born:

- **Gathering all generations to pray for all nations,**
- **ASKing God to do what only He can do,**
- **and DOing whatever He asks of us.**

As we listen to our faithful God speaking to us through His incredible Word, He leads us one step at a time. We gather in our communities, we gather in key locations for specific purposes, we gather on national and international zooms, we travel in our own nations and to other nations to ASK!

Our foundation is the Word of God, our roof is Worship, our walls are ALL nations and ALL generations. The values of this house are belief, expectation, acceptance, deliverance, humility, reconciliation, affirmation, healing, life, prayerfulness, intimacy, unity, truth and anointing.

We seek to equip those who would gather. Teaching resources are available in different languages. We prioritize the development of relationships within continents. The 2020 pandemic added Zoom to our gatherings, which facilitates our gatherings across national borders, and across time zones. We gather to ASK wherever, whenever and however, for whoever. What a new freedom we have found! Yet this freedom brings new responsibilities. We receive this gift as if our lives depended on it, because others' lives do.

We are living in extraordinary times, some say the 'end of time.' In Matthew chapters 23-25, Jesus warned us that things will not be easy. Despite what was happening in the nations, He said, "See to it that you are not alarmed" (Matthew 24:6). We need to ASK for the nations now more than ever because "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). Until that end, our task is to ask.

**Come every generation
from every nation,
Gather with us!**

KEEP ASKing!

OUT OF THE DIASPORA

The Gathering of Israel

Below is an excerpt from Stuart's new booklet, entitled "Gathering and Scattering." As we mentioned in the last contribution, the present gathering of the Jewish Diaspora back to the Land of Israel has been described as the most important fulfillment of biblical prophecy in the last two thousand years. When it comes to the gathering of God in the end times, this is the most significant.

The Present Situation

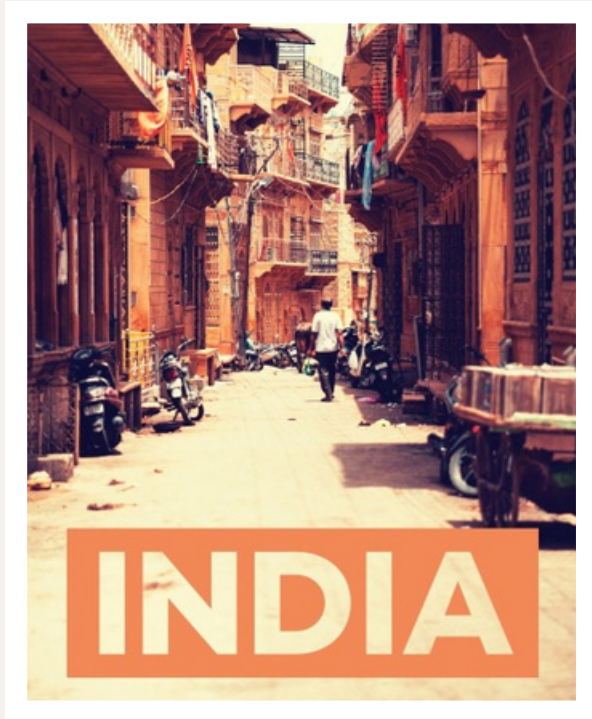
Jewish people from over one hundred different nations have already made aliyah. Year by year, the percentage of the world-wide Jewish population that lives in Israel is fast approaching beyond the 50% mark. Physical insecurity in nations like France, Russia and Ukraine account for the highest percentage of those making aliyah. The majority of Jews in the Diaspora live in the USA, with the next most significant number is in what is termed 'the Anglosphere' including United Kingdom and Canada. It should be noted that the rise in the number of Olim (immigrants to Israel) coincides with a measurable increase in public anti-semitism in the West, whether from secular or Muslim sources. In my nation, we have had recent vandalizations of Jewish cemeteries and violent threats against Jewish community centers. According to the most recent poll, 71% of Jewish teens have experienced harassment or discrimination.

On a different and better note, it 'just happened' that this morning, the Joshua Project's 'unreached people group' of the day for intercession, was the Bukharic Jews from Uzbekistan, who speak a Persian dialect and are the descendants of Israelite captives. They have preserved their Jewish identity and heritage for two thousand years, and many of them have been able to return to Israel since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Things are happening that can only be spiritually understood if they are responded to righteously, and judiciously. The 'Jewish Telegraphic Agency', recently commenting on those returning, observed that they were "seeking to live lives of meaning and identity." We know that this quest can and will only be fully met in their revelation of Yeshua, their Messiah. As we will see, in the biblical record it is impossible to separate a return to the Land from a return to the living God, and impossible to separate a return to God from a return to the land. Thus, there are two major components of the gathering that we must acknowledge: the gathering to the Land, and the gathering to the Lord. It is impossible to separate what God has put together.



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*"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it."
1 Corinthians 12:26*

India, home to more than 1.4 billion people, is a nation where Christians have faithfully served through schools, hospitals, and ministries of compassion. While most Indians desire peace and harmony, recent events bring increasing concern for believers across the country. Behind the headlines are grieving families, anxious congregations, and faithful followers of Christ who continue to stand firm. **Peacemakers Who Never Returned Home**
The conflict in Manipur, which began in 2023, has left deep wounds among communities. More than 300 churches have reportedly been damaged or destroyed. Amid the violence, Christian leaders sought reconciliation and peace.
In May 2026, three Baptist pastors, returning from a peace conference in Churachandpur, were ambushed and killed. Their deaths sparked further violence and retaliatory abductions.
Then, on June 10, security personnel recovered the bodies of six missing men. Families who had hoped for their return instead faced heartbreaking loss. Wives lost husbands, children lost fathers, and churches were suddenly left without shepherds.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

Growing Pressures Across India

Christians in many parts of India face increasing challenges.

Anti-conversion laws are now enforced in thirteen states. While intended to prevent forced conversions, Christian groups and observers report that these laws are often used to target pastors and ordinary believers. False accusations, disruptions of worship services, and arrests have become sources of fear for many small congregations.

On May 31, more than sixty Christians gathered for Sunday worship in Sadrapal village in Chhattisgarh when a mob attacked the congregation, injuring several believers. Elsewhere, reports have emerged of public humiliation, assaults, and intimidation because of faith.

Persecution is not always dramatic. It comes quietly, in ridicule, threats, exclusion, and fear that a prayer meeting may be disrupted. Yet the Church in India continues to worship, pray, and serve faithfully. "Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12
International organizations express growing concern regarding religious freedom in India. Yet beyond reports and discussions, the greatest need is prayer for healing, reconciliation, peace and unity in the church.

ASK for India:

- peace in Manipur, that the cycle of violence among communities will end and that grieving families will know God's comfort.
- pastors and church leaders, that they will be strengthened, protected, and filled with courage.
- government leaders and authorities, that justice, wisdom, and freedom for all citizens may prevail.
- the Church in India, that believers will respond with love rather than bitterness and continue to shine as witnesses of Christ.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Heavenly Father,
We lift before You the people of India. Comfort those who mourn and strengthen pastors and believers who serve You amid fear and uncertainty. Bring peace to Manipur and healing to communities divided by violence and mistrust.

Grant wisdom to those in authority and raise up peacemakers who seek justice and reconciliation. May Your Church remain faithful and courageous, responding with love and hope. Through suffering, may many come to know the salvation and peace found in Jesus Christ.

**Unreached People Group:
The Andamans**

Far away in the Bay of Bengal lies a chain of emerald islands known as a tourist destination. Hidden among the forests and isolated shores of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands live some of the world's most secluded peoples.



Tribe	Location	Estimated Population	Religious Background	Contact Status
Sentinelese	North Sentinel Island	50-200	Traditional beliefs	No peaceful contact
Jarawa	Middle and South Andaman	400-500	Traditional beliefs	Limited contact
Onge	Little Andaman	Around 100	Traditional beliefs	Limited contact
Shompen	Great Nicobar	200-400	Traditional beliefs	Very limited contact
Nicobarese	Nicobar Islands	Around 28,000-30,000	Predominantly Christian	Open

The Sentinelese, numbering perhaps only 50–200 people, live on North Sentinel Island and are considered the most isolated human community on earth. They reject all outside contact and continue to live as hunter-gatherers.

History
During the British colonial period, institutions such as the Andaman Home attempted to settle and assimilate indigenous tribes. While motivated partly by humanitarian concerns, these efforts exposed vulnerable populations to diseases against which they had no immunity. The Great Andamanese population declined catastrophically.

Another story unfolded in the Nicobar Islands. Danish and Moravian missionaries labored among the Nicobarese people, and over time Christianity took root. Today, a significant portion of the Nicobarese identify as Christian, demonstrating that God works through faithful witness and long obedience.

In 2018, American missionary John Allen Chau attempted to contact the Sentinelese to share the gospel, despite government restrictions intended to protect the tribe from disease and exploitation. Shortly after landing on North Sentinel Island, he was killed. His death sparked intense debate among Christians, anthropologists and governments.

Perhaps one of the difficult questions his story leaves us with is not merely, "Are they unreached?" but also, "What does faithful obedience look like?"

Can We Do Anything?

At first glance, these tribes seem beyond human reach. Yet Scripture reminds us that salvation ultimately belongs to God. Matthew 10:16 Perhaps our greatest ministry toward the Andamans is not invasion, but intercession. We may not be able to go, but we can pray. We may not know their languages, but the Holy Spirit does. Perhaps our greatest ministry toward the Andamans is not invasion, but intercession.

We may not be able to go, but we can pray. We may not know their languages, but the Holy Spirit does. We may never stand on North Sentinel Island, but God is already there. Luke 19:10, Psalm 139:16 The God who sent Philip to the Ethiopian official, Peter to Cornelius, and dreams to seekers throughout history is not limited by geography or isolation.

Could He reveal Himself through dreams? Could He prepare hearts in ways beyond our understanding? Could He raise future opportunities in His timing?

Waiting Before God

Perhaps one day representatives from the Sentinelese, Jarawa, Onge, and Shompen will stand among the multitude around the throne described in Revelation 7:9. How that story unfolds belongs to God. Until then, we wait, we pray, we trust and we remember that the Shepherd who left the ninety-nine to seek one lost sheep knows every face hidden beneath the forests of the Andamans. Acts 17:26-27

No tribe is forgotten. No people are beyond His sight. And no corner of the earth lies outside the reach of His love. Zechariah 4:6

Join Preethi Rufus, (leading ASK India with her husband, Joseph Vundi) as she prays for unreached people.

Join us to ASK for UPGs,
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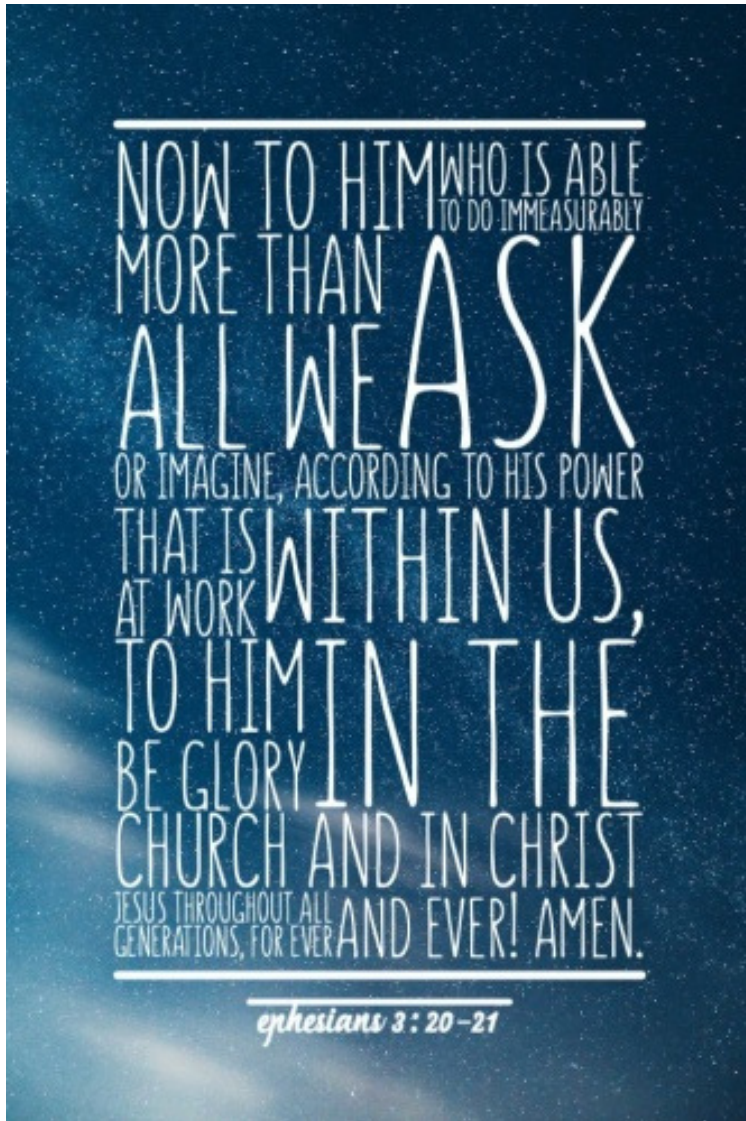


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NETWORK NEWS: ASK Gathers in Asia

At the end of July some of our national leaders will be gathering in Indonesia. This began as a distant vision in Lace Fang's heart. She and her husband John currently serve as ASK's Directors in Asia. That vision was watered in prayer and has now blossomed into actuality! ASK leaders will be gathering from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. A team of Indonesian pastors with young helpers has formed to serve this gathering - such a blessing! ASKers from Canada and the US. In addition, there will be two days set aside for pastors'; gatherings, before and after,

This gathering has been made possible by generous support from some of you. Thank you! Now we ASK for your prayers. Please cover this gathering from July 31-August 3, all travel issues both before and after, and for the granting of visas for those attending. We thank the Lord for His amazing grace that has brought this vision into being. Great is His faithfulness!



If you'd like to financially support this gathering, it's not too late!

Help us bless our brothers and sisters who labor for the gospel in Asia.

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