

**“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.”**

Thank you for your prayers and support of my recent trip to South Asia. I received very sobering news today.

During my time in Bangladesh, the discipleship multiplication and Church Planting Movement (CPM) training was attended by 85 men from many places in Bangladesh, all of whom are Muslim Background Believers (MBBs ). For three days in May, I taught on the urgency and need to reach the unreached.

On the third day, a time of worship and prayer ended with many attendees repenting and weeping over lost opportunities and determining to reach Muslims in Bangladesh. (Ninety-five percent of Bangladeshis are Muslim.) I asked many to come forward and share their heart and vision to reach the unreached districts.

I met Jewel at this training. He had become a believer in Christ a year ago. Since that time he led 50 Muslims to Christ. **However, on July 5, 2013, Jewel was martyred for the cause of Christ.** This humble husband and father had an obedient heart for the Kingdom of God



Jewel, on right, at T4T training.

I received this account of his death: *Jewel had received threats from fundamentalist Muslims. Because Jewel valued his eternal life over his earthly life, he did not fear. Last Friday, Jewel walked three miles to his uncle's home for a house church meeting. He often returned home quite late from these sessions which include prayer, Bible teaching, a shared meal and fellowship. Early Saturday morning, Jewel's wife, Taslima, took their young child and walked to the uncle's home seeking her husband because he had not returned home. Several men searched for Jewel, and discovered that he had been hanged.*

The house church members believe that persecution leads to multiplication. Please unite your prayers with theirs that Jewel's death will be as the seed that falls to the earth and dies, bearing much fruit, among the Muslims of this area. (John 12:24). Taslima is also in much need. To compound her grief, her father-in-law and other people in her village refuse to support her because she too is a Christian believer.

**Future Plans for Bangladesh**

After the training, Mannan, who is my partner in Bangladesh, sent me specific plans to reach 20 unreached districts as a result of the T4T training, along with these comments:

*The training has made our house church movement much more effective. The 85 leaders of Church Planting Movements learned much about the urgency of developing disciple-makers. T4T training taught them two things: the priority of teaching God's word and the effectiveness of sharing their own story of salvation and spiritual growth with others.*



The following two year plan was developed by the CPM leaders subsequent to the T4T training in Bangladesh.

## **“T4T” CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT (CPM) - Two year plan**

**Introduction:** T4T is a great method for multiplying disciples. Bangladesh has a population of 167 million. Our vision for T4T is to make disciples and plant churches among the Bangladeshi Muslim peoples. Through T4T training we can win the people of Bangladesh to know the way of salvation. Through this salvation our people will be able to live changed lives and God will bring healing, progress and prosperity to our country.

**T4T Mission Statement:** Conduct evangelism, plant house churches, and make disciples among unreached peoples in new places where the Gospel has never been proclaimed and no multiplying house church exists. We desire to take the initiative to train leaders (T4T) and entrust them to teach their own people in the same way. (Roman: 15:20-21)

**Goal of T4T Project:** Our T4T leaders have been praying together. We have found 20 unreached districts with a total population of 20 million. These areas are 99% unreached. There are no churches or mission organizations working among the Muslim nonbelievers. Our goal is to send two T4T disciple trainers who will go to each area and stay two years. In every village, they would make 2 T4T master trainers. Over two years we want see a minimum of 2 million Muslims saved by the Name of Christ. We trust that after two years we will see thousands of T4T master trainers.

### **Prayer Points and Support For RUN**



Please pray for Jewel's family as well as this mission to the unreached in Bangladesh. To send a tax-deductible donation, please make payable to RUN. Send to Riverbend Church, 1015 Corley Mill Rd. Lexington, SC 29072

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