

# **Revolution Week 1 Outline KP Yohannan, Gospel for Asia**

"If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight." Isaiah 58:10 (The Message)

"This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them." In Matthew 22:38–40 Š S

"Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples . . . that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:30-31



"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

My sister is ten years old. Every morning at seven she goes to the bonded labor man, and every night at nine she comes home. He treats her badly; he hits her if he thinks she is working slowly or if she talks to the other children, he yells at her, he comes looking for her if she is sick and cannot go to work. I feel this is very difficult for her. I don't care about school or playing. I don't care about any of that. All I want is to bring my sister home from the bonded labor man...

## For 600 rupees I can bring her home—that is our only chance to get her back. We don't have 600 rupees . . . we will never have 600 rupees [the equivalent of U.S.\$14]. Nadu



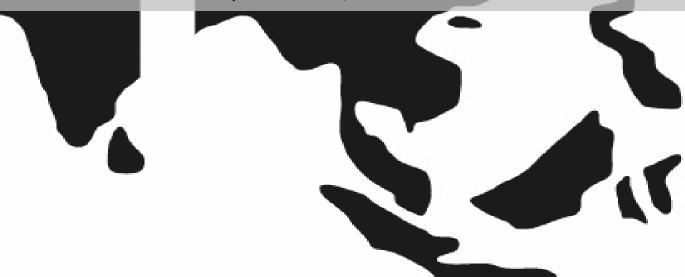
1. How can we preach the Gospel to a man with an empty stomach?

2. Social work—meeting only the physical needs of man—is mission work; in fact, it is equal to preaching?

"For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?" (Luke 9:25).

# 3. They will not listen to the Gospel unless we offer them something else first. KP

### (John 14:2, Revelation 7:16, 21:4).



### "What a joy it was to see some of them opening their hearts after hearing about the forgiveness of sin they can find in Jesus!" K. P. Yohannan

### "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

"You missionaries have been in China for over a hundred years, but you have not won China to your cause. You lament the fact that there are uncounted millions who have never heard the name of your God. Nor do they know anything of your Christianity. But we communists have been in China less than 10 years, and there is not a Chinese who does not know . . . has not heard the name of Stalin . . . or something of communism...

We have filled China with our doctrine. "Now let me tell you why you have failed and we have succeeded," the officer continued. "You have tried to win the attention of masses by building churches, missions, mission hospitals, schools and what not. But we communists have printed our message and spread our literature all over China. Someday we will drive you missionaries out of our country, and we will do it by the means of the printed page."

"If the Church had spent as much time on preaching the Gospel as it did on hospitals, orphanages, schools and rest homes— needful though they were—the Bamboo Curtain would never have existed."

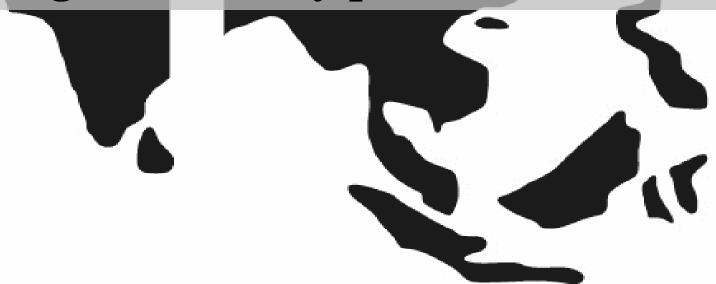
"I was hungry, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: naked, and you clothed me.... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:35–36, 40).

### **Question to Answer today:**

• Why do you think God has allowed you to be born in North America or Europe rather than among the poor of Africa and Asia and to be blessed with such material and spiritual abundance? In light of the superabundance you enjoy here, what do you think is your minimal responsibility to the untold millions of lost and suffering in the Two-**Thirds World? You have been born among the** privileged elite of this world. You have so much while others have so little. Think a moment about the vast difference between your country and the nations without a Christian heritage.

**One-** fourth of the world's people lives on an income of less than \$1 a day—most of them in Asia. The gross national income per person in South Asia is only \$460 a year. North Americans earn an average of 82 times more—and Christian North Americans, because they tend to live in the upper half of the economy, earn even more. In most countries where mission organizations like Gospel for Asia are serving the indigenous missionary movement, a good wage is \$1 to \$3 a day...

### While much of the world is concerned mainly about where its next meal is coming from, affluent North Americans spend most of their wages and waking moments planning unnecessary purchases.



 People in the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe enjoy freedom of choice. Political freedoms of speech, press and assembly, freedom to worship and organize religious ministries, freedom to choose where and how to live, and freedom to organize themselves to correct injustices and problems both at home and abroad are accepted as normal.

• Leisure time and disposable income, although not written into law, free citizens of the Western world from the basic wants that make living so difficult in many other parts of the world.

• A large number of service networks in communications, education, finance, mass media and transportation are available that make it easy to effect change. Not having these services available is an enormous handicap to people in most other parts of the world.

• Finally, relatively speaking, few domestic needs exist in North America. Although unemployment is a serious problem in some areas, it is many times higher in nearly every country of the Two-Thirds World. How many of us can comprehend the suffering of the millions of homeless and starving people in nations like **Bangladesh?** Overseas the problems are on a grand scale. Some nations struggle to help themselves but still fail woefully.

This list is illustrative of the many advantages of living in the Western world where benefits have come largely because of a Christian heritage. What is our responsibility?