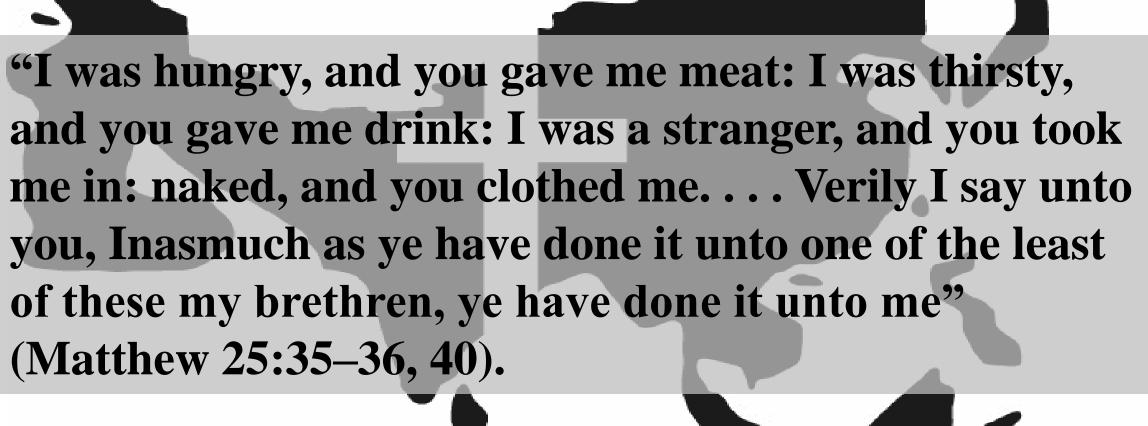


Is Missions an Option? (Outline K.P Yohanan in Revolution)

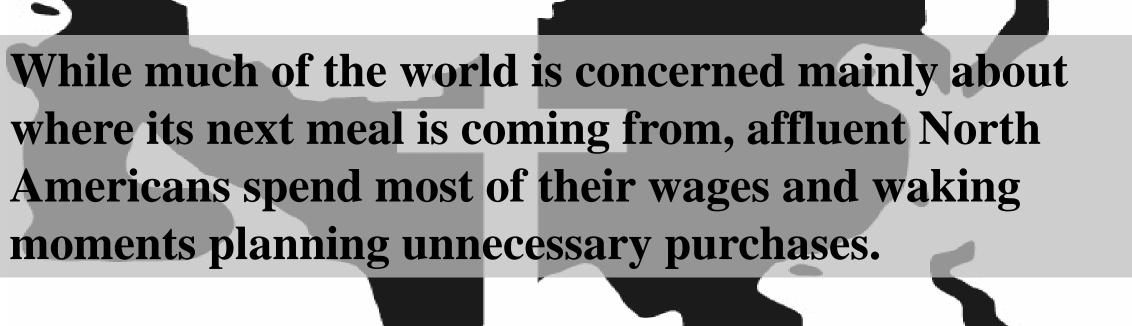


"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with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

Statements to struggle with.

 Why do you think God has allowed you to be born in Canada 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? We have been born among the privileged elite of this world. We have so much while others have so little.

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 organisations like Gospel for Asia are serving the indigenous missionary movement, a good wage is \$1 to \$3 a day...



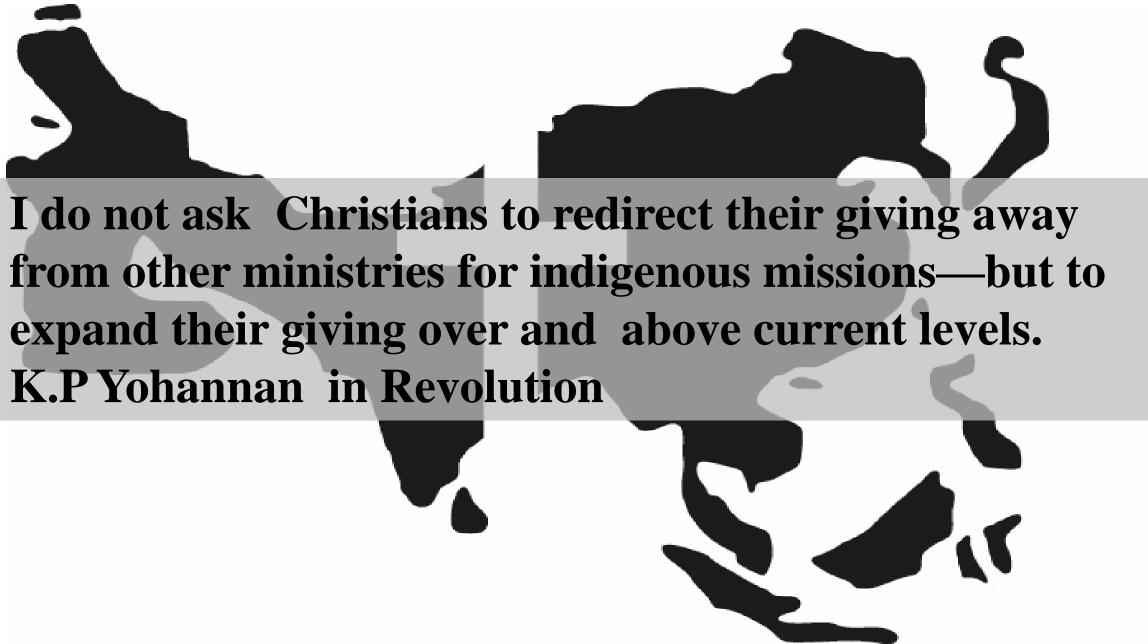
• Few domestic needs exist in North America. Although unemployment is a serious problem in some areas, it is many times higher in nearly every country of the Two-Thirds World. How many of us can comprehend the suffering of the millions of homeless and starving people in nations like Bangladesh? Overseas the problems are on a grand scale.

"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: he that gathered much did not have too much, and he that gathered little did not have too little." **2 Corinthians 8:13–14**

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. . . . If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:14, 17–18

"What good is it, by brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." James 2:14–17

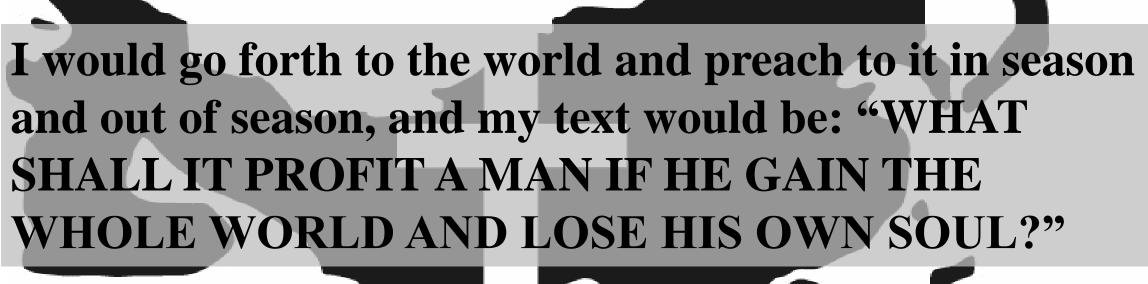
God is calling us as Christians to alter our lifestyles, to give up the nonessentials of our lives so we can better invest our wealth in the kingdom of God. To start, I challenge believers to lay aside at least \$1 a day to help support a national missionary in the Two-Thirds World. This, of course, should be over and above our present commitments to the local church and other ministries...



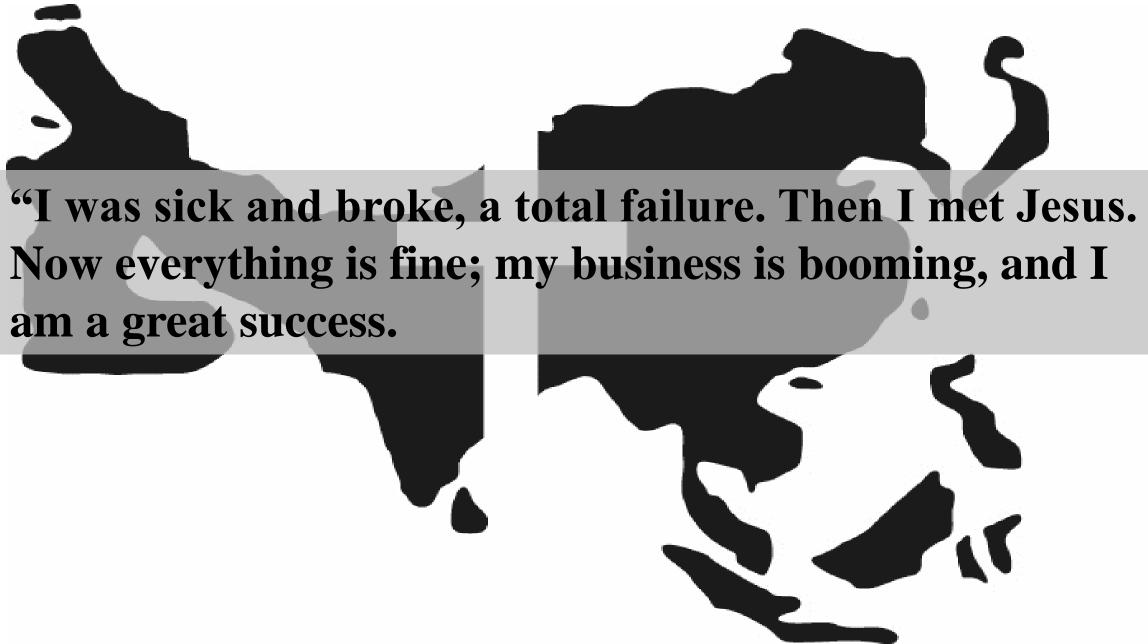
"Our failure to share Christ is an atrocity much worse than the death camps of Hitler's Germany or Stalin's Russia. As horrible as the 1.3 million abortions are in the United States each year, the eternal loss of multiplied millions of additional souls every year is the greatest preventable tragedy of our times. K.P. Yohannan

If I firmly believed, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, then religion would mean to me everything. I would cast away earthly enjoyments as dross, earthly cares as follies, and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion would be my first waking thought and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I should labor in its cause alone...

I would take thought for the morrow of eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained for heaven worth a life of suffering. Earthly consequences would never stay my hand, or seal my lips. Earth, its joys and its griefs, would occupy no moment of my thoughts. I would strive to look upon eternity alone, and on the immortal souls around me, soon to be everlastingly happy or everlastingly miserable...



"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" 1 John 2:15–17



"I was happy. I had everything—prestige, recognition, a good job, and a happy wife and children. Then I gave my life to Jesus Christ. Now I am in Siberia, having lost my family, wealth, reputation, job and health. "Here I live, lonely, deserted by friends. I cannot see the face of my wife and dear children. My crime is that I love Jesus."



"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him." 1 John 3:17