



SOUTH ASIA

Training leaders to train leaders to use the stories in their ministries



In his book, “Experiencing God,” Henry Blackaby said, ***“We don’t choose what we will do for God; He invites us to join Him where He wants to involve us.”***

(P. 123). **We certainly were not looking for another country to be involved in when God invited us to join His work in S. Asia in 2014.** After boarding the plane in



Pastor Raj with Alan and Peggy in London

Dallas for the long trip to London on our way to Kenya, a man from India asked us where we were going. His name was Rajasekhar Chinnam. When we told him to Kenya, he asked what we would be doing. As we told him about our ministry with CRM and the Story Cloth, he became very excited. He said, “I am a pastor from India, and what you are showing me could be powerfully used of God in the work of believers in my city of Hyderabad, India.”

After returning from our trip, emails were waiting for us from him. Over the next year, we corresponded with Pastor “Raj” about doing work in India. Dr. Randy Mann, the pastor of one of our partnering churches in NC, found out about the opportunity and indicated that he had sensed God leading him to work in India through a friend he met in seminary who was from India. The ministry opportunity for him was on the other side of India in the city of Ahmadabad. It seemed that the best strategy would be to train pastors and church leaders to teach other pastors and church leaders how to use chronological Bible stories in evangelism and discipleship.

As we shared the vision for the work in India, God touched the hearts of people and several thousand dollars was donated. So, we planned the details of the trip for January, 2016. We would do one workshop in Hyderabad and the other the following week in Ahmadabad. We shipped Story Cloths and materials ahead of us, purchased our tickets, and made hotel reservations. However, in the Sovereignty of God, it turned out that I could not go, for a number of reasons, not the least of which was a much needed hip replacement. Since Dr. Mann would have the help of his friend in Ahmadabad, and tickets are very inexpensive in India, we decided to fly Pastor Raj to attend the training in Ahmadabad. (He is standing on Dr. Mann’s right.)



Over the last year, Pastor Raj has conducted two workshops for leaders in Hyderabad, while Dr Mann has conducted several others in various locations in India. Dr. Blackaby was right. I didn’t choose this ministry and I didn’t get to be directly involved in it. God decided to use me to make the connections and provide the resources for His servants, Pastor Raj Chinnam and Dr. Randy Mann.

At this time, we estimate that over 200 spiritual leaders have been trained in India to use both the Story Cloth on Genesis through the Gospels and the Story Cloth on Acts in evangelism and discipleship. **There are continual requests for more of these workshops.** We even have determined how to print the Story Cloths and teaching materials in India. Through another ministry, God has also opened the door in Nepal for leaders to use the Story Cloths. All that we are waiting on to respond to requests for more Story Cloths, Teaching Materials and Training Workshops are the resources that God will provide for those willing to respond to His invitation to be involved in His work in South Asia.

Will you pray for that work? If God chooses to use you to help with the funding, you may do so by donating on our website, www.calvaryroadministries.com, or by sending your contribution to CRM, 4100 Fulton Rd, Corryton TN 37721. It takes around \$3000 for each training workshop. **CRM has accepted God’s invitation to join Him in His work in S. Asia. Pray for those He is calling to be involved in giving and going.**