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"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord..."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Dear friends,

"For I know... declares the Lord..." How often life presents us with difficult situations where we don't know what to do, questions for which we have no answer. It seems like a contradiction, but the truth is that as time goes by, and we grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we realize more and more how little we actually know and how much we need His wisdom and guidance.

In those increasingly frequent moments when we feel lost, we find comfort in knowing that God does know, that He understands and has an answer for every difficult question. He knows indeed how to act in the face of the complicated circumstances we so often encounter.

A couple of chapters later, God again calls our attention with the following message:

"Call to Me and I will answer you and

tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

We don't, but God knows. And the most wonderful thing is that He is willing to share that knowledge with all of us. God wants to open His mind and His heart to us so that we may understand His purposes, so that we may delve into the mysteries of His incomparable grace and love, and find comfort and encouragement in the knowledge of His perfect will.

"...plans to prosper you and not to harm you,

plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

It is with this certainty that we can look ahead with confidence. We may not know exactly what tomorrow will bring, nor have control over the circumstances that surround us, but we find peace in knowing that God knows. He has a plan for us that includes hope and a future of well-being.

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South India:

During the first weekend of June, we held our annual South India Summit in the city of Ooty. It was a very special time, during which we commemorated, among other things, the 14th anniversary of the beginning of Bethel's work in Coimbatore. The summit included moving testimonies, wonderful times of praise, and numerous opportunities to share and spend time together.

One highlight was the remarkable growth of the men's house in Ooty. After a long period of being unable to exceed the barrier of 7 or 8 residents, they now have 14 and continue to receive applications. We rejoice in God's faithfulness manifested throughout all these years and trust that we will continue to see significant progress in South India in the near future.



FAR ABOVE: Couples in Ooty, Coimbatore Y Trivandrum.

ABOVE: Worship time during the South Conference in Ooty.

United Kingdom:

In mid-June, we flew to England to attend Josias and Yao's wedding on the 24th in Leeds. It was a small, intimate family celebration with only about a dozen guests. Next May, the newlyweds will travel to China for another celebration in Wuhan with Yao's family.

We took advantage of the trip to also visit Alejandro, who lives in London, and meet the parents of Chloe, his fiancée. God willing, Alejandro and Chloe plan to get married on September 7, 2026, the same day we will celebrate our 35th anniversary. Finally, we spent a few days with the Bethel family in Birmingham, where God gave us the opportunity to share in one of the meetings at their recently opened 'Anchor Point' building.



Spain:



At the end of August, we attended the WEC-Betel annual conference, followed by the celebrations of Betel in Spain's 40th anniversary at our Betania facilities in Ciudad Real. It was a very special and moving time that gave us the opportunity to see many friends and colleagues with whom we hadn't been in touch for a long time.



ELLIOTT & PAUL ANDERSON

Two of our great 'heroes of faith' and a very important part of Betel's legacy.

Hearing the testimonies of so many lives transformed over the past four decades encourages us to keep going, knowing that God is faithful, and that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

Rajasthan:

Back in India in September, we held our Rajasthan regional summit in Jodhpur. Betelitos from the three centers in the area—Jodhpur, Jaipur, and Udaipur—attended, along with Mawia and Tete, pastors from the Bethel work in Calcutta. In a province with a minimal number of believers, it is impressive to see what God is doing among the neediest through the Asha Bhawan ministry. Over the weekend, we had times of praise and worship, testimonies, teaching, and prayer. This year's theme was taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: "Run to win" (1 Corinthians 9:24).

During the conference, God challenged us all to reopen the Kota center sometime next year. Please pray that God will raise up the right team and provide everything necessary to carry out this project.



ABOVE: Ricky, from the Jaipur team, sharing a song during the conference.



LEFT: Group photo of the leaders & responsible of Betel in Rajasthan.

RIGHT: Vishal, from Betel in Udaipur, shares his testimony during one of the meetings.



Keith & Lolita:

In mid-October, Keith and Lolita arrived from Australia to join us in celebrating Bethel's 26th anniversary in India. They also took the opportunity to visit several of our communities in the region to conduct a study based on the book of Hebrews. During their seven-week visit, Keith and Lolita planned to visit Ooty and Coimbatore in the South; Kolkata in West Bengal; Dimapur in the Northeast; and Kathmandu in Nepal. Several centers near these cities will participate in an intensive week of teaching. In addition, between trips, Keith and Lolita are spending time with us at the Gurgaon headquarters.



Keith & Lolita with a group of our leaders during a one-week training in Ooty.

We give thanks to God for their lives, their effort and dedication, and their zeal to see God's work expand throughout the Indian subcontinent. We pray that God will grant them health and many years to continue traveling and blessing us with their experience and wisdom. We also pray that God will provide everything necessary to cover the expenses of these trips, which are so enriching for our younger leaders and workers.

26th Anniversary of Betel-India:



Last weekend we celebrated the 26th anniversary of Betel in India. Looking back, it seems incredible what God, and He alone, has accomplished during these years. From humble and insignificant beginnings in the eyes of the world, the Lord has built a marvelous work, with a presence in 21 cities in India, two in Nepal, and five in Mongolia. Certainly, for human beings it is impossible, but all things are possible for God.

It must be said that the last year has not been easy at all. The climate of tension and religious intolerance grows every day. At Betel, we have seen how the government has revoked our license to receive funds from abroad and has temporarily closed our main house in Gurgaon, our "Mejorada del Campo" in India.



We have been threatened with sanctions and closure in two more cities, Tamulpur y Trivandrum, and one of our pastors in the South has been prosecuted for receiving foreigners without first registering them in the online immigration system.

The Income Tax Department investigated us for almost 10 months, during which we had to submit hundreds, if not thousands, of receipts and invoices to justify expenses they considered fraudulent. Furthermore, we had to provide mountains of documentation to finally cancel a tax identification number that had been mistakenly assigned to us.

Amidst all this, we experienced the disappointment and sadness of seeing some of our leaders and trusted individuals abandon us in the midst of the storm, undermining the given trust and a testimony they had spent years building.

Illness has also taken its toll on our morale. We have seen some of our most faithful workers—Ashwani, Lal, Nina, Murli—suffer firsthand from cancer, tuberculosis, and respiratory failure, among other ailments.

It has not been easy. But by God's grace we move forward, trusting that better times are coming, times of refreshing from God that will make us forget the hardships and sufferings of the past. Meanwhile, the sun continues to rise each day, and God continues to cover us with His mantle of grace and give us, time and again, small tokens of His faithfulness and love that remind us of His unwavering commitment: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Tangible proof of all this was the nineteen people who made the decision to follow Christ and were baptized during the anniversary weekend. We thank God for their lives and pray for His protection and blessing in this new stage of their walk with Jesus.



To God be the glory!

We have included a link to a video clip of the worship time during the meetings:

[Videoclip alabanza 8.11.20 25.mp4](#)

Pray with us...

- ***For our beloved who are sick:***

Ashwani. His situation is grave and humanly impossible; we pray for a miracle of healing for his liver cancer. May the sovereign power of God intervene and bring life where there is only a prognosis of death.

Lal. We give thanks to the Lord for Lal's miraculous recovery from the aggressive tuberculosis he has suffered for the past two years. We pray that God will continue to work in his health and give him strength. We are inspired by his example of faith and dedication to the work.

Nina. We give thanks for Nina. That she is still alive is an undeniable testimonial to God's grace. We continue to pray for her recovery from COPD, and for strength to gradually become more independent at her home in Guwahati, where she is recovering after being discharged from the hospital.

Murli. Murli is an example of perseverance and love. We ask for God's protection over his health, especially during the winter. Pollution and the cold severely affect his respiratory insufficiency. We pray for strength and health so that he may continue to be a light for the men in Janakpuri (Delhi).

Baby Gloria. Gloria has already turned two. Her prognosis remains the same, a severe cerebral palsy. Gloria regularly attends physical therapy to learn how to move her limbs, hold her head up correctly, and control her movements. She also has strabismus and other problems associated with her medical condition. Gloria needs a divine intervention. Her parents, Sanjay and Lasuk, need a great deal of patience, faith, and hope. Please pray for this precious family.



- ***For licenses.*** We pray for the licenses of the centers in Gurgaon and Tamulpur. We are still looking for a doctor willing to work with us in Tamulpur to comply with regulations. In Gurgaon, we have been waiting for months for a response from the authorities regarding the temporary license that would allow us to reopen.
- ***For the new projects.*** Just two months ago, we opened a new house in Kohima, in the state of Nagaland. We currently have plans to reopen the center in Kota (Rajasthan), and we have received invitations to start new communities in Aizawl (Mizoram) and Churachandpur (Manipur). In addition, the Nepal team is considering establishing a house in a third city in the country and, God willing, opening a women's community in Kathmandu. We ask for your prayers that God will grant us wisdom and provide us with the necessary resources to carry out all these projects.

- **The Internships Program.** About a year ago, a door opened to receive new WEC-IMM missionaries with the goal of completing a year-long internship with us, gaining experience and confirming their vocation and calling to the mission field. The experience has been very positive: we have already had two men who spent eleven months at the centers in Ooty and Calcutta, respectively. We are currently in the process of welcoming a 25-year-old woman to the women's community in Calcutta. We are confident that many more will come and eventually decide to stay full-time with us after completing their internships. This would allow us to have a number of future leaders with a proven calling to serve in Betel.
- **Finances.** The increase in medical expenses in recent months and the lack of income due to the closure of our main men's home in Gurgaon have severely impacted our finances. Rampant inflation and the rising cost of living, especially in large cities like Delhi, Gurgaon, and Kolkata, are making it increasingly difficult to generate the income needed to cover all our expenses

Adan's Family:

In addition to Josias and Yao's wedding, which we celebrated last June, and Alejandro and Chloe's wedding, planned for September of next year, Jairo is continuing his third year of Physiotherapy studies at university in Madrid.

Although it wasn't initially planned, we've decided to travel to Spain to spend Christmas with him and help him during his midterm exams between December and January.

As we explained previously, we are considering a transition from India to Spain in the coming months. In August of next year, we will apply to renew our visas for another year. Legally, that would be the last extension we could apply for from India. At the moment, we believe that this deadline (August 2027) is the final date for transferring our residence from India to Spain. We plan to continue supervising and ministering in India and Nepal through frequent and extended visits. At the same time, relocating to Madrid would allow us to spend more time with our families. In addition to our children, we have Encarna, Encarni's 85-year-old mother, who lives alone and increasingly needs assistance.

All these changes present significant challenges in adapting to the new situation affecting both, the leadership in India, which will have to assume greater responsibilities, and us personally, as we will have to balance our family obligations with our responsibilities and ministries in Spain and Asia. Please pray that God will always go before us, paving the way. Pray that He may grant us discernment to understand the times, and wisdom to make the right decisions. Please also pray that He will provide everything necessary to cover the expenses arising from this new situation: relocation, accommodation in Spain, round-trip flights between Spain and India, etc.

Thank you for your support, love, and prayers throughout the years. Without you, we would not have made it this far.



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Banner of the 26th anniversary of Betel-India

In Christ,

Iván y Encarni