

Open or Closed?



You may remember this photo from a previous newsletter.

Soldiers like this were guarding the airport in Dhaka, the Bangladeshi capital. I had the very weird experience of having one of these guys whisper in my ear several times, "Give me some money!" I like telling this story as an uncomfortable but (now) humorous missionary experience.

I was uncomfortable, but no one bombed the airport. (Not until a few months after we were there.)

We had a wonderful experience in Bangladesh. In spite of ongoing security concerns, we travelled freely.

Only one year later...

Things have changed dramatically since we were in the country. Terrorists have begun targeting foreigners. Teams of pastors and leaders that were recruited via our film have had very limited travel opportunities. They've had a security detail assigned to them and have even been forbidden to leave the Training Center or to venture outside the hotel in which they were staying. Almost overnight it has become too dangerous.

We will attend a conference in Colorado in September where we had expected to visit again with Pastor Benjamin and Monica, the leaders of the Bangladesh Foursquare Church. But their USA visa applications were rejected – probably because of the recent terrorist activity in their country.

So we praise God for the open door we had! While we were filming, there were reports of bombings, but we never saw any of it. However, **it is no longer possible** to go to Bangladesh and make the kind of film we produced only a year ago.

... the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:16)

That's why we are commanded to "redeem" or "make the most of the opportunities" God gives us.

We have a sense of divinely ordained urgency to get these stories told so that the missionaries we work with can make the most of the time we have left. Doors of opportunity sometimes rapidly slam shut.

Most missionaries we've served don't appear to be in danger of their fields closing in the same way. But there is a Great Day coming, when the skies will part and the door of opportunity will close, universally and forever. We *must* work while we still have time, for "God our Savior, . . . desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim. 2:3-4)

It's about us!

We believe "we" and "us" includes "you." There are only four of "us" who do the actual production of films. But there are many others of "us" who make it all possible.

You can play an additional, significant role in helping us to "redeem the time," by doing these two things:

1. Connect us with full-time, foreign missionaries that you know. The best way would be to direct them to our new website where they will find **four new videos** made especially for them. They should start with "**A Personal Message to Missionaries.**" (And if you decide to watch them first, you will get to know Andy and Rebekah who have joined the production team. You will also hear from some of the missionaries you have blessed with films!)
2. Let us know if you have friends or a church who might be interested in partnership with us. We would love to meet them (in person or via Skype) to share our vision and to explain how they can play a part. We *might* even be able to arrange a trip to your area.

Thank you for your prayers, giving and encouragement!

We pray that, "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food ... supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Cor. 9:10)

A Gift That Keeps Giving

The ministry you make possible doesn't always end after a documentary is finished. For example, we have continued to serve World Indigenous Missions. Their Media Coordinator spent a week with us in Idaho so that Jim could offer some training in editing. She has now used that training to produce more video for WIM with film that Jim had shot for them. It's very satisfying to know that the work we get to do is a gift that keeps giving for these groups who serve missionaries.

We also just produced a couple new short videos for the Bangladesh Initiative. Peter is the point man for this initiative. In a recent email, he wrote, "I just watched the *No Longer Untouchables* video and I cry every time. Seriously. I've seen that story 500 times now, and I cry every time. That's the gift that you gave us, Jim and Lynn. You told the story the right way. Thank you again."

Please pray: We are in the early stages of planning another gift film to an amazing mission in Thailand.

Our FIRST Opportunity!

As a result of our conversations with Peter, we have been invited to share about CIM at their District Conference in late September. We get to present CIM to pastors and leaders that represent over 200 churches. This is a BIG DEAL! It's the first time we've been given the platform in this way. But rather than us just talking, we've produced a short video which we believe will have greater impact. Afterward, we hope to find opportunities to talk face-to-face with pastors and leaders. Our goal is that they consider how CIM might bless their church as they partner with full-time, global missionaries.

Please pray: We want to "redeem" the investment of time at this conference. So please ask the Lord for "divine appointments."

Our NEW Team

In this season, much of our energies are focused on training Andy & Rebekah. We are working through an intensive course on documentary story-telling. We're also helping them as they begin partnership building.

Andy & Rebekah have been helping us with script editing and materials preparation. Andy designed our new website and Rebekah our new logo. They appear in four new videos for missionaries in which we share who we are, what we do and why we do it. Please check them out on our website and tell us what you think!

Please pray: Andy & Rebekah are preparing informational pieces, both print and video, that they'll soon be presenting to potential supporting partners. They appreciate your prayers.

Please pray: Our faithful monthly partners currently supply almost two-thirds of what we need to be fully funded. We are so grateful! But we too (Jim & Lynn) will need to begin sharing CIM with potential partners. It's not our job to "sell" but rather to invite people into partnership *if that's the Lord's will for them*. Please ask God to help us to clearly, humbly and faithfully share our vision with them.

Adams Family News

Many of you know our kids and even our grandkids, and you may also know that we have MUCH transition going on in our lives. **By the end of September, the 19 members of our family who live locally will be reduced to only 7 of us.**

Our daughter Sarah with her husband Jon and their three boys moved into our home on March 1st. They had begun partnership building in order to go with Foursquare Missions to Great Britain. They are recently fully funded and now waiting for Sarah's British visa. The four blokes are British citizens. Only Sarah needs a visa. We expect they'll be moving to England in September.

Andy, Rebekah and their two children moved into our home on May 1st. This enables them to transition from employment with Integrity Audio Visual to become full-time, partner-supported missionaries with CIM.

Then, in July, our son Matthew moved in. So that's a total of 12 humans in one 1572 square foot home. Twelve people living here (five of whom are 8 yrs. and younger) is not something any of us foresaw. But we are all very thankful for our home and the wonderful family that we enjoy so much.



Our son Tommy and wife Kristin (with their five children) are moving in September from Boise to Detroit, Michigan as they seek to serve Jesus there. Their oldest, Kenya, is a recent college grad and just moved from San Francisco to NYC.

Finally, our daughter Bethany and husband Tomás and their son remain in the beautiful city of Prague, Czech Republic.