

Evangel

----Rev. John Mark (Wahab).

Writers mostly work in the sensory as the optician works on physical eyes to operate on the cataract to see well. On the point of evangelism, one writer has expressed the following comment: "It may be that in some instances we have depended too much on human power and resources. We may have tried to open a rose with a hammer, which cannot be done; but when the dew and rain and God's sunlight fall on a rosebud it will open and become a blossom of marvelous beauty. We are called out to be the ministers of the divine dew and the rain and the sunshine of God, that in time the deserts of Islam may blossom like a rose."

Evangelists exactly are the shepherds to pasture the flock and at the end of the day leading it back to the barn of the owner. They could also be compared to the soldiers, recruited by, trained up and deployed in the battlefield to fight a good battle for the glory of the king. They are set up to establish the Royal Kingdom in the hearts of the people, once whom the Satan robbed off. At the cost of the unblemished blood of the living and resurrected Lord, the assured way out for all, has been prepared forever.

The evangelists must have the basic knowledge that all men are originated from a single source, the Adam, who is created in the image of God to glorify Him. It is hard to serve the nation during the time of captivity. The whole world is now groping in darkness. Only One person, to be called the shining light to illuminate the world has been revealed. He is Jesus Christ, the token of the pinnacle of love and sinless and unblemished character in human body. Since God loves all humanity, so do His incarnate Word and Spirit. To exonerate the world He shed His own unblemished life-blood. Only Jesus Christ is the visible picture of the invisible God.

The evangelists must be led by the proper guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Jesus has also commanded them to do so in the book of Acts 1:5. Only Agape, the divine love, covers the multitudes of sin and enmity, friction and deadly contest among humanity.

Someone committed has stated that "The attitude of Christians and of Christian missionaries toward the Muslims should be that of humble, tolerant, self-forgetful love; not of hate or fear or pride or self-seeking or revenge, or any sort of ill will." Another person stated some negative picture that the Christians talk a great deal about evangelism but often do very little. Sometimes, they steal fishes from other baskets for showdown and draw attention of the donor agencies. They cannot deceive the Lord, as He sees even the hidden hearts, but it is easy, for the time being to bluff people of limitation.

Since 1976 the living Lord has been using us in the special field to evangelize our country, a country of 140 million of people. We are very thankful and grateful to Him who has always been in and around us for the glory of our Father in heaven. Mostly we use literatures and seminars, audiocassettes to evangelize our nation.

We publish a weekly periodical entitled "The Alor Foara" (The Fountain of Light), very much helpful to circulate the Message to the unreached secular as well as to the religious society.

Our policy is not to impose any alien culture upon any nation on the plea of evangelism. We don't believe on superfluous or created things and rites like changing food habit, being identified with new names or new outfits etc have any role in redemption. But faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the heavenly Father breeds redemption. Truly repentant sinners must swallow up by faith the readymade salvation wrought at the cost of the life of the sinless Savior Jesus Christ. When someone, by faith, truly abides in Christ, he becomes a new creation by the power of the merciful and sovereign God. When God does change someone from within, his attitude and outward behavior must thoroughly be changed into His likeness to glorify the most loved and Holy One.

Since God is the Spirit Being, the worshippers must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. It is not the system but God honors inborn faith and devotion and sincerity.

Jesus Christ is the only exemplary Truth in the human bondage. Abiding in Him means, consequently, the committed believer have already inherited and taken share of all the virtues of the Lord.

When someone is boarded in a train or plain, eventually he moves at the same speed of the vehicle even seated on the chair. Since a repentant sinner abides, by faith, in the sinless, merciful, compassionate, and beloved Christ, so he would enjoy all of His belongings without any bar. At the time of creation, the merciful God, the Creator and the sustainer of the Universe, has also asked the man to use and multiply all things, edible and useful, for covering the world.

We must, being regenerated evangelists, transfer the complete and exiting Message of love, Forgiveness, Acceptance, hope and reconciliation to the lost world. Jesus Christ has also come to this fallen polluted world to call them to repentance and reconciliation. We must equip them with invincible Word of God that they may become the visible pictures of the invisible Lord. (Ephesians 1:22, 23, & 1John 4:17).

Please keep praying for Bangladesh and also for us. May the unfailing love of God keep you active in faith to win the most loved people of God, who have been unfortunately neglected by men?