

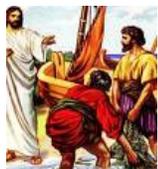
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Issue 11: Trinidad—Fishing for People

Becoming Fishers of People

Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you

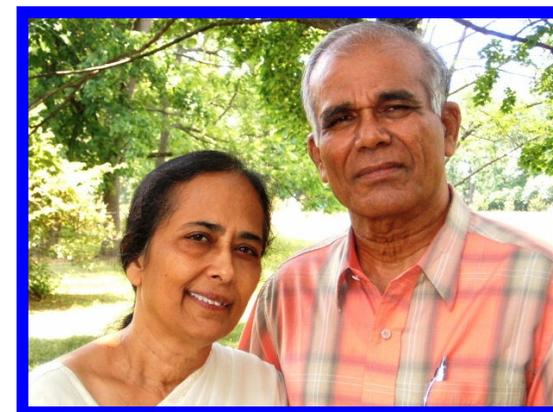


Matthew 4:19

The above words were the first that Jesus spoke to the men who became His disciples after they accepted his invitation. Jesus wanted his disciples to know right from the beginning what their life's work was going to be. They would "catch" people for Him where ever they could. Jesus reminded them of this not long before He went to Heaven. He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations," (Matt. 28:19)

The Endigeris do that in Trinidad, in India and among their relatives. As you read the story and do the activities and Bible study, think of how you can fish for people, even right now.

God Made Us Missionaries!



By Emmanuel Endigeri

Sometimes people say, "The days of miracles are over." But my life has been full of miracles!

The miracle of my birth:

I was born in India to a Christian family of 13. At the hospital the doctors told my mother, "We have done our best. Only God can save your life." My mother answered, "I told Jesus that if He saves my life I will dedicate this child to be a missionary." The Lord heard her prayer; she lived and so did I. Today I am a missionary because of her prayers and tears.

The miracle of my new birth

As I was growing up I wanted to become a medical doctor or an airline pilot. But mother kept the promise she made when I was born, and sent me to a Bible seminary, not a regular college.

During special meetings there, a guest speaker said, "If you think you're going to heaven because you were born to a Christian family, I have bad news for you. That won't get you to heaven. You need to believe on Jesus Christ to be saved." After the meeting I told him I thought I was a Christian because my family was. He said, "If you have a bottle filled with poison and label it honey, the label will not change what is inside. Being born into a Christian home will not change your heart." That night I asked Jesus to come into my life. Praise God!!

The miracle of bringing my relatives to Christ

After I accepted Jesus, I strongly wanted to share the Good News of the Gospel with my relatives. At first they laughed, saying, "What were you before, a Hindu or Muslim? No! You were born in a Christian family, so you are a Christian!" I answered, "No. I was born into a Christian home but I was still a sinner in God's sight. I needed to accept Jesus

for myself."

In 1986 we held our first family retreat in central India. About 80 of my relatives attended, and half of them put their trust in Jesus Christ. This included my brothers and sisters and an uncle who was 86 and an elder in a large church. Now two of my nephews are pastors and another nephew will finish seminary soon. One of my brothers started a church that is growing. At our October 2007 family retreat, 70 of my relatives attended. What a joy it was to baptize eight of them.



In Trinidad we reached 600 children a week.

The miracle of being a missionary in India and Trinidad

I was a missionary in North India with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) for fifteen years. Then a letter came from Trinidad asking TEAM India to send an evangelist for three months. They sent me, my wife, and our two children.

We landed in Trinidad in September, 1977. Two days later Pastor R. Dooknie, a

This story tells us how Jesus invited P_____ and A_____ to be his disciples.

When Jesus said, "Come, f_____ me," they knew he meant more than "Let's go some place." Jesus was inviting them to travel with him and **carefully watch, listen and learn to do** what he did. In that sense the words "follower" and "disciple" mean the same thing. In fact, by inviting them to follow him, Jesus was already showing them how to "Ϟ" for people, which is inviting them to follow Jesus.

Jesus' first words to Peter and Andrew asked them to be his disciples and learn how to invite other people to be Jesus' disciples. That is like what Jesus said not long before he left earth to return to Heaven. Look up Matthew 28:18-20 to see what Jesus told them to do, then fill in the blanks:

"Therefore, go and make _____ of all _____, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and _____ them to _____ everything"

I have _____ you."

Think About It

Are you becoming a better disciple of Jesus? And are you inviting others to become his disciples? Can they learn from your example how to do that?

Mr. Endigeri, who wrote the story on pages 1-3 said, "Before we train church leaders in Trinidad, we look for these five qualities:

1. *They should be a child of God. (John 1:12)*
2. *They should know they have a job to do with Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:9)*
3. *They should talk to God daily. (Psalm 27:4)*
4. *They should have good character. (Galatians 5:22-23)*
5. *They should care about people who don't know the Lord. (Matthew 9:36)"*

As Jesus' disciple, do you have these qualities? Which one do you need to ask the Lord to help you with most?

The Great Commission

MARK 1:16-18

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.



missionary with World Team, came to visit us. He said, "We have prayed that God will send us missionaries from India to reach the Hindus here. You are an answer to our prayer." Soon we felt this was the Lord's plan. After three months we returned to India. Then, after a time in the United States, we arrived back in Trinidad.

The first two years we helped Pastor Dooknie and taught religious education in four public schools, reaching 600 boys and girls every week. Many of them received Jesus as their Savior.

Then we went to several other towns and villages where we planted churches and trained church leaders. At one place we started a church with eighteen new Christians, but we did not have a building to meet in. A well-known singer in Trinidad gave us a piece of land and within a year we had a beautiful building. We trained several young men to be pastors. One of them started a new church. The man who gave us the land is now a pastor, too.

In another place we worked day and night for years, but the church did not grow. Then a key man accepted Jesus, was baptized and is now serving the Lord faithfully.

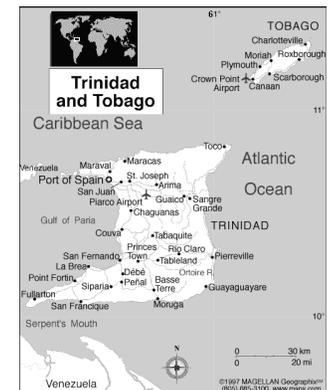
Where we are now, a Hindu lady said, "God sent you to me. Though I was a Hindu, I always

prayed to Jesus. Now I know the right way of salvation and I'm not going to turn back." She always tells her Hindu friends about Jesus and will soon be baptized. We meet for church under a new shed which her relatives built.

Besides planting churches and training church leaders, we also taught the gospel for several years on a local radio station. For 13 years we have prepared, printed and distributed a weekly magazine called "Hidden Treasures." It goes to schools, churches, market places, hospitals, banks and prisons. We print 3000 copies a week and people are still very happy to get it.

After reading this, what do you think? Does God still perform miracles? I believe he does! ■

THE NATION CALLED
TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO
IS LOCATED JUST ABOVE
VENEZUELA, SOUTH
AMERICA



Missionaries Emmanuel and Sucheta Endigeri know that where ever they are, they must be "fishers of people."

Fishing for People

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).



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On construction paper, color and cut out fish similar to these, but larger. Also draw hooks or a fishing net to make a bulletin board like the one below. Maybe you can make it for your Sunday School class. Or make it one-page size and put it on your refrigerator as a reminder to be a fisher of people. Don't forget to include the names of friends who don't know the Lord yet!

