Hello,

There is an explosion of evangelism ready to ignite around the globe that could set off a miraculous "chain reaction" of church growth—setting the stage for hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, to come to Christ.

And by God's special design, the spark for this evangelism explosion is in your hands right now. Find out all about it in this special message from Pastor Doug Batchelor.

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Evangelism Chain Reaction

An Amazing Fact: The Navy’s latest submarine, the USS California, is powered by a nuclear fission engine that is capable of running for more than 25 years without refueling. It uses a controlled nuclear chain reaction to create a self-sustaining power cycle. The modern vessel can also produce its own drinking water from the sea and purify its own air supply. In fact, if the crew didn’t need to replenish their food supplies, the California could stay under water for years at a time!

Evangelism Chain Reaction

Just as nuclear fission provides an ongoing source of power for a submarine, God designed His church to be, through the power of the Holy Spirit, a self-sustaining, constantly moving, and growing dynamo of soul winning!

And in that spirit, our global Center of Evangelism program—currently operating in England, Ukraine, and the USA—has been asked to launch a new AFCOE in the rapidly growing country of India!

If you are not familiar with AFCOE, it’s an incredibly effective training program that equips God’s people to reach the lost. We teach people to reach others just as Jesus did, using His method and His message to help complete His mission.

AFCOE Works!

We know the AFCOE model works because I have seen it in action for years and through students like Jesin, who came to AFCOE from India. The tools and training he received empowered him on his return to India to build a healthy and growing congregation.

That hunger sparked in Jesin’s heart at AFCOE remained after he returned home. He continued his education, and I am delighted to tell you today that Jesin will be the director of the brand-new AFCOE program that we are preparing to launch in India this coming June.

But the only way that Jesin was able to come to the United States for AFCOE was because someone helped pay his way. That’s what I hope you’ll be willing to do for another worthy student today.

India’s Great Poverty & Potential

I know that the churches all over the world desperately needs more faithful people like Jesin … and together you and I can help to provide them.

Although the church in India has recently experienced tremendous growth, believers are bombarded by a kaleidoscope of pagan influences. There is an urgent shortage for pastors and evangelists to teach them even the basics.

Because of the economic realities in India, there is simply no way that most of these dear people could afford a traditional seminary education, which can take four or five years to complete even if the teachers and facilities were available. A “Bible boot camp” like AFCOE—with its short but intense training—is a perfect solution.

We know that in these last days, the work of God will not be completed by pastors alone but by equipping all believers to do the work of the ministry. (See Acts 2:16–18.) That is our vision for what AFCOE in India will accomplish! And we can be ready to launch by June 2011, if you’ll help us make this vision a reality.

Ready to Launch

God has miraculously provided everything—a place for the training sessions and gifted teachers who are prepared to share their knowledge and passion with the students. We have some outstanding ministry-minded candidates who come highly recommended by local pastors and church leaders.

These AFCOE students, the passion and hope of the Indian church, are hungry to be trained. But they simply cannot pay any of the normal expenses associated with this training. We must also help provide their transportation, lodging, and food—in addition to their evangelism education—for them to be able to take advantage of this great opportunity.

But the only way they will be able to attend is if they receive a “full ride scholarship” to AFCOE. Right now we have 2,500 talented, gifted, motivated, and inspired leaders who will need a scholarship. But we are starting this year with just 75—the cream of the crop.

True Treasure in Heaven

Remember what Jesus did with just 12? Imagine the impact these students will have as they spread out across churches in India and do the same for others! It’s a gift that will pay off for years to come.

In the first year, we expect a cost of $1,000 per student. Keep in mind, this covers everything for six months of live-in fulltime Bible evangelism training.

I’m asking you to please help us create an incredibly powerful chain reaction and a ministry of multiplication for the gospel in India by helping to provide a scholarship to these students.

For one student to attend, it will cost $167 per month for six months. And it will be worth every dollar!

We have seen the abundant fruit from the AFCOE program in England and Ukraine. Now we just need to put it in place in India that so desperately needs leaders to be given the training to multiply the message—holding evangelistic meetings, pastoring churches, leading Bible studies, training children, serving as medical missionaries, and touching those no one else will reach.

But we can’t do it without you.

Perhaps God will lay it on your heart to sponsor the entire AFCOE training for one overseas student? But no amount is “too little,” and whatever amount you give will be greatly multiplied in the AFCOE evangelism chain reaction!
The course begins in just a few months, so please respond today with the gift that God lays on your heart, knowing that together we can begin something that will reach far into the future and impact multiplied thousands of lives with the gospel.

Yours for the sake of India … and the world,

Pastor Doug Batchelor

- A nuclear chain reaction is one of the most powerful forces ever harnessed by man. But it doesn’t begin to compare to the power of the gospel chain reaction that will start with AFCOE in India. Your financial support for AFCOE is going to be multiplied again and again—so please give today!

Posted on January 26, 2011 16:10 by Anthony Lester

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millie jupe
Monday, February 07, 2011 3:20 PM
Yes Pastor i can see whre things are winding down.. Everything in the world is just what our Bible has told us.. that when we see these happening that it is even at the door..

es i do want to be a part of helping,,

i don’t want my Lord telling me depart from Me for i never knew you.. Thats because we are doing what jesus has told us to do to witness for Him.. When we do things for people we are doing it for Him...

Praise the good Lord we can help to win souls for Jesus..

Rene DeLaPena
Saturday, February 05, 2011 11:17 PM

Pastor Doug,

Although I have no means and no dollars to pay for to get an education by AFCOE, I am constantly praying to God for His guidance as my feeling of direction tho’ ill-equipped is strongly on “preaching His gospel”, to reach the unreached places. I know that an AFCOE guidance will make anyone like myself become effective to do as Jesus has commanded then: “Go into the world and preach the gospel.” Please advise. Thank you in advance.

Yours truly,
In Christ - Rene DeLaPena, HI

connie anderson
Saturday, February 05, 2011 5:22 PM

The Pentecostal “Spirit” was ignited by prophecy being fulfilled, and observers seeing the “signs” in prophecy, because they had “seen” the Messiah. I pray for church leadership. Our prophecy in the SDA Church, includes a great awakening when we hear “Babylon” the great false church, has fallen! and the power is given to God’s people, until the very last day...in Daniel 12, the “power of God’s people is broken.” Life Sketches p. 411-412 Revelation 18, is fulfilled with the event in New York

Scott Charlton
Saturday, February 05, 2011 2:21 PM

This is a great opportunity for those of us who can’t go to help those who can and are willing to go.

Marilyn
Friday, February 04, 2011 3:38 PM

I am so glad that this effort is being done for India. I have had a special burden for these people since I went there with ShareHim. I am currently sponsoring a young girl who is now in 2nd year nursing. I noticed also that Adventist Radio is having a special effort for India. I pray that all of these efforts will light up the whole continent of India with God’s truth.

Thank you for your commitment to spreading the Gospel.

Laverne
Friday, February 04, 2011 12:29 PM

Absolutely brilliant idea! Whether we like it or not the Lord IS on his way and probation WILL soon close. I know Pastor Doug you have preached that we shouldn’t date his coming but he warned us to watch the figurative budding of the fig tree. The Spirit of Prophecy clearly expounds all the tell tale signs of the approaching time of trouble in the natural, political, economic, religious and social world. One would have to be fast asleep not to see them. Happy to sponsor an individual for 6mths.

Joan Philbin
Friday, February 04, 2011 11:27 AM

We are seeing unrest in various places around the globe, plus disasters of all kinds, as was foretold in Scripture. The Lord is coming. Let us share His Word wherever and whenever possible. Every little bit helps. God bless as you spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Joe Gagliano
Friday, February 04, 2011 11:21 AM

Bible knowledge is great for those who have the hunger and thirst for God’s word. And that’s all
natural for those who have been re-born, "Amongst others with more intellectual and conniving aspirations." But it ought to be said that one does not require Bible knowledge to finally come to a point in their lives and realize that Jesus Christ is our Divine Creator, Lord and Savior. In other words, to have faith in Jesus Christ and be justified. But I would offer a monetary help if I had any.

Steve Chang
Friday, February 04, 2011 8:20 AM

AMEN!

There is so much need in the 10/40 window. God gave us our talents to use for growing His Kingdom. If we only become willing participants, we will see miracles before our very eyes. Like the early church, we should share with our brothers what we have. God wants so much to pour out His Holy Spirit so we can all go home. Praise the Lord.

Do all things in love.

George Gonzales
Friday, February 04, 2011 8:03 AM

Thank you for all the work you're doing to advance God's Kingdom here on Earth. Have you watched the movie documentary called "The Finger of God?" very good

Cheri Olson
Friday, February 04, 2011 5:46 AM

Praise the Lord for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit! May the Lord bless the AFCOE students as they prepare for their evangelistic service. In Christ, Cheri :)