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Into the Unknown

Chuck Powell, *Dana, IN*

The life of faith and living for Jesus is never boring. God works in very mysterious and unexpected ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways. God sees everything from an eternal perspective while our human experience and understanding is extremely limited.

I was converted when I was 12 years old and then the Lord called me to begin preaching when I was 13 years old. The need to preach the Gospel was like a "fire in my bones." My father gave me the opportunity to preach short sermons at the church he pastored about once a month. The sermons were very brief, lasting about 5 minutes. The calling to preach the Gospel continued to intensify in my life and before long I was preaching entire sermons. During my senior year of high school the Lord made it extremely clear He wanted me to pursue full time pastoral ministry and I began pastoring a church about one month after I graduated from high school. After I graduated from college and seminary, I began pastoring churches full time. I assumed that I would continue to pastor churches for the rest of my life, but God had other plans.

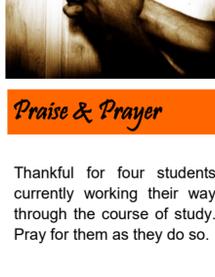
In March of 2000, I became the Senior Pastor of the Faith Evangelical Methodist Church located in Fairmount, IL. This church was active in several different ministries with a strong discipleship ministry, strong youth ministry, very active mission outreach, etc. The Lord was definitely moving in and through the church. In the winter of 2012, the Lord spoke to Audrey and myself saying, "Resign from the church and wait on Me!" The Lord asked us to do something that was very difficult by just simply trusting Him! Audrey and I had always spoken of our trust in the Lord but could we actually trust Him with our every need? Where would we live? How would we pay our bills? Would He take care of all of our needs? Would God be faithful to show us where to live and what He wanted us to do?

I informed the leadership of our church that I would resign as Senior Pastor at the end of April 2012. We were to wait upon the Lord and grow deeper in our faith.

With just weeks before we asked leaving and nothing opening up, our friend Tony Beck asked me if I would work for him on his farm as a farm hand and we could live rent free in a house on his property that was unoccupied. We moved into a very large house in the country, still waiting for the Lord to show us His plan. I loved the work but I was a terrible farmer. As I was working on the farm I was offered a pastoral position in Aurora, Indiana from the Christian Missionary Alliance Church. We loved the church and the people and they called us to come, but after much prayer the Lord said "No!" Through a series of incredible events the Lord led us into the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship®. The Lord has met our every need, sometimes at the last moment. Audrey and I now have the opportunity to work together in sharing the Gospel of Jesus to children in 6 different counties. The Lord is still opening doors for ministry even here in Dana, IN. Audrey is also working part time in a Christian School and loving it. It has been an exciting ride as we have learned to totally trust the Lord to meet our every need! We serve an awesome God!

Chuck & Audrey Powell serve as Ministry Coordinator for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Indiana, West Central Chapter.

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Praise & Prayer

Thankful for four students currently working their way through the course of study. Pray for them as they do so.

Pray for our good friend, Dr. Charles Sineath and his wife, Ann, as she seems to be coming toward the end of her battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Continue to pray for Cesar Villacorta and his family concerning their status in the U.S.

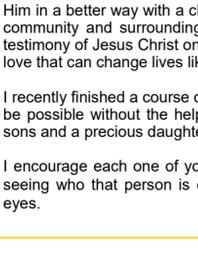
Pray for our nation and leaders.

Use the listings in the *NAWE Journal* to regularly pray for our churches and members.

Getting to Know You

My Journey

Cesar Villacorta, *Danielsville, GA*



I started this journey in life when I was a little boy of 7 years old when I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I was born in one of the small villages of a remote area in the jungles of Peru, being a part of one of the many Indian tribes located in the Amazon River banks, the Yagua tribe. The daily life in my village was simple and worrisome about the outside world. By the way, I didn't know anything about what was outside of my village - just fishing, hunting, and farming for our own subsistence. There were no roads, cars, electricity, T.V., telephone, or any kind of technology; just a canoe and a paddle to navigate the majestic Amazon River and its tributaries and lakes.

God had a better plan and a destiny for me and my family. One day missionaries came to my village, bringing the Good News of salvation, bringing hope and love, offering a better life with Jesus Christ. My Mom stepped up and received Jesus as the Lord of her life. Because of her I have opened my heart and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. From that moment in life I experienced so many changes in my personal life, changes for better opportunities and a better life.

My family and I moved to the closest city about 70 miles away, which was truly an adventure, but we were confident and faithful in Jesus Christ who took care of everything for us. What an amazing and challenging change. I went to school until I graduated with a bachelor's degree in forestry. Since that time I have completed other specialties such as Management, English, Mechanic, professional tour guide, and of course the most important, the Bible, finishing a seminary study.

My home church commissioned me to be a missionary as I started to work in the tourism industry, allowing me to be in contact with so many foreign people, mission groups, pastors, and ministers. I helped them to reach the needy ones, teaching, preaching, seminars, conferences, distributing clothes, food, toys for kids, building schools, clinics, church buildings, fresh water wells, and much, much more as I shared the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I thought that was all as I was comfortable at the place I was working for His Kingdom, but God had so many more blessings in mind. One day through a missionary He spoke to me saying, "Because of your faithfulness and work you do for Me, I will take you and your family to a foreign country where I will take care of you; don't be afraid". One year later we were heading to the United States. He made the way; we couldn't do it by ourselves. So here we are serving Him in a better way with a church family who supports us as missionaries helping people in our community and surrounding communities, assisting with food and most of all being a living testimony of Jesus Christ on how much impact a missionary can have who brings the hope and love that can change lives like mine.

I recently finished a course of study with the NAWE and got ordained as Elder. But this wouldn't be possible without the help of God, the support of my beautiful wife and my two handsome sons and a precious daughter and of course my church family.

I encourage each one of you reading my testimony to serve the Lord and His people without seeing who that person is or where they come from—because for God we are equal in His eyes.

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Upcoming Opportunities:

October 12-13: National Conference on Apologetics in Charlotte, NC