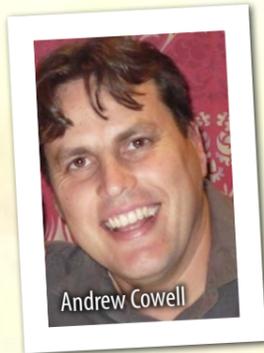


Indonesia...

Dreaming Acts 19



I can still vividly remember it like it was yesterday. It happened one night as I was driving through the island of Java with Chuck Harrison, an American missionary who was totally committed to planting New Testament churches in the largest Muslim nation on earth.

As we talked I asked him a simple yet insightful question. "If you could go back and personally experience any part of the Bible, other than walking and talking with Jesus, what would it be?" Almost immediately Chuck responded, "I would love to go back to Acts 19 and find out what happened in Ephesus during those two to three years that resulted in all the inhabitants of Asia Minor, both Jews and Greeks, hearing the message of the Lord".

Understanding Acts 19

Behind Chuck's answer was a yearning to discover the driving force behind an explosive period of "every member" evangelism. What was the driving force? If I am not mistaken it was not so much that the church in Ephesus was "purpose driven" but that it was "presence enlivened".

As you look at the wider context of Acts 19 you discover

that the church in Ephesus enjoyed a personal and corporate devotion to Jesus that overflowed into passionate worship (Acts

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19:17), radical discipleship (Acts 19:9) and zealous outreach (Acts 19:10). In short the driving force was a Christ loving, worshipping, discipling, witnessing and church planting community of believers.

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Experiencing Acts 19

Experiencing Acts 19 being repeated in Indonesia sums up the essence of GLO Ministries involvement with Chuck Harrison and the team of Indonesian Church Planters known informally as "Grace Indonesia". By God's grace, more than 20 years on, there have been 10 New Testament churches planted in villages and cities on the island of Java. Elders have been appointed in four of those assemblies and there are concerted efforts to see elders raised up in the remaining assemblies.

Despite intermittent persecution and endemic poverty, Christ loving, worshipping, discipling and witnessing communities of believers have been established in various parts of central and East Java. In addition to input from brethren missionaries from America, Australia, Germany and Malaysia in recent times God is working in and through the Korean brethren to see additional assemblies planted in West Java.

Repeating Acts 19

After having the privilege of serving together with our Indonesian brothers and sisters it is my hope and prayer that Chuck's

dream will become their dream and that by God's grace they will see Acts 19 repeated over and over again throughout Indonesia.

By Andrew Cowell

If you would like to help Acts 19 be repeated in Indonesia you can assist through prayer, adopting a church planter, supporting a ministry project or visiting on a Short term Mission Trip. For more information contact GLO Ministries.



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