

**Dave Van
Winkle
Ministries**

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I served as a Pastor/Evangelist for 47 years. My goal is to exalt Jesus while building His kingdom. My lovely wife, Teresa, especially has a heart for children and is an integral part of our ministry.



Changing Lives

Encountering the one true God birthed Isaiah's prophetic ministry

Isaiah 6 is one of my favorite chapters in the Old Testament. While preparing a message from this passage, I was struck by the power of the account of Isaiah's life-changing encounter when He saw the Lord "sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." Seraphim — six-winged angelic creatures — stood above the throne and cried out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts." Isaiah was so moved by what he saw that the only response he could muster was:

"Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." — Isaiah 6:5

The prophet Isaiah was influential and involved in politics. He was highly educated and respected in his circle. But I am sure that even he was brought to his knees and buried his face on the floor during this encounter with our holy God. Even the doorposts were shaking because of the voice of him who cried out declaring the holiness of God. Then one of the seraphim took a live coal from the altar and placed it on Isaiah's mouth. What followed was a great declaration, "Your iniquity is taken away and your sin purged." The prophet was free from sin! Now, there were new opportunities for him to be used of God.

Then Isaiah heard the Lord: "Whom shall I send and who will go for Us?" Isaiah responded, "Here am I! Send me." He was called and commissioned to tell all of Israel that they must repent and turn toward God.

This experience brought about new life-changing direction for Isaiah. Why? Because God had an encounter with a man to show the man who He truly is. Isaiah knew it would not be business as usual going forward. He felt the burden of the people who had wandered away from God and knew his challenge was to bring them into relationship with Him.

Teresa and I feel the same way. God has called us to reach those who do not know Christ. We do that through training pastors to make disciples (fully devoted followers of Christ). We also have established 23 Discipleship Training Centers in multiple cities in Asia to train pastors and people of faith to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Will you pray for us as we step out and pour our lives into this ministry endeavor? Please also consider becoming a financial partner with us monthly so we can fill the requests we already have to expand this

On Mission

These friends and partners of Dave Van Winkle Ministries serve the Lord in the difficult — and sometimes dangerous — nation of Pakistan. God uses them as they care for many children in need in their home country.



Above: Pastor Mugheez and Najaab Salik, who run an orphanage. Below: Law school student David Sohotra with a young child who gratefully received a pair of sandals through his ministry outreach.

ministry to reach the unreached for Christ. Thanks for considering and supporting this ministry as God leads.

Planning for a Great Harvest

Charles Spurgeon, who has been called the “Prince of Preachers,” once said, “No man can do me a truer kindness in this world than to pray for me.”

Prayer is vital to the work of the Lord, whether you minister in your own country or abroad in a culture foreign to you. Sometimes planting seeds for a harvest of souls is harder in one’s own culture. Consider Jesus, who was rejected by the people in His hometown. “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him” (John 1:11).

Although Teresa and I have a local ministry, we have also been called to serve from afar and to support those ministering in their own countries. These friends and ministry partners may have limited financial means or prayer

support as believers are often oppressed or even persecuted in their homeland. I have pastored churches and traveled as an evangelist (and still do at times), but I’m thankful I live at a time when I can teach from my home in Central Florida or use a phone app to reach out to our ministry partners in Asia. Let me close with this important word as we remember to pray for our ministry partners:

“The connection between missions and prayers is inextricable; missionaries should not be serving without spending considerable time in prayers. The Gospels record that Jesus himself before starting His mission on Earth, he spent forty days in fasting and prayers, and later He taught his followers how to pray (Luke 11). In Ephesians 6:17-19 Paul says ‘and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel.’ From the New Testament we see that prayers were a common theme in the life of all the apostles and in their writings. Prayer is a declaration of



Both women and men learn to fully follow Christ in our 23 Discipleship Training Centers in Asia.



our total dependency on God and total trust that He is sovereign” (Source: MissionQuest.org).

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Coming Soon!

Our website — davevanwinkle.org — is undergoing a long-awaited makeover.

It will have a fresh contemporary look with a clear focus on the outreach and growth of Dave Van Winkle Ministries. Be sure to check it out!

Ask Pastor Dave

Q: How would you describe Dave Van Winkle Ministries?

A: We are a missions-focused ministry seeking to help those in Asia through preaching the Word, teaching children in orphanages, and training believers to be fully devoted followers of Christ. We also feed the homeless in Central Florida.

Q: Has God grown your vision for this ministry?

A: Yes, we are seeing an increase in the number of people saved and disciplined through our outreaches. We also now have 23 Discipleship Training Centers in Asia. We have seen our ministry partner base grow, too, enabling us to feed and clothe more of the homeless.

Q: How do you see God working in the world today?

A: I believe we are living in Matthew 24, which is where Jesus tells us about the end times. There is a great falling away, but there are certainly signs of revival as well.

Q: What are the ongoing ministry concerns on your heart?

A: I want to be a soul winner first and foremost, but my commitment to help believers grow will never diminish as long as there is breath in this old man.

Q: How does having a ministry board help you?

A: It helps me be accountable. It is reassuring to know I am surrounded by godly people who have a heart for Christ and are committed to the advancement of God's kingdom. Each member provides prayer covering and wise counsel.

Q: How can we pray for you and Teresa?

A: Pray for us to be strong physically and spiritually. We are aging and need God's supernatural strength to do all that He has called us to do.

Friends, we are thankful for you and your partnership in this ministry! See davevanwinkle.org for giving options, as the Lord leads. Thank you, and please let us know how we can best serve you!
