

LEARNING TO TRUST GOD; AGAIN AND AGAIN AND...

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I'M IN CONTROL....

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My Attempts to Be In Control



How much Control Do I Really Have?

▣ Past

▣ Present

▣ Future

▣ None

▣ Very Little

▣ Very Little to
None



Trusting God

When life seems out of my control I
can trust God because He is...

1. Sovereign
2. All Wise
3. Loving

OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE

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India Journal, March 14, 2011

1. Mosquitoes
2. Bed/Mattresses
3. Indian bath
4. Heat
5. Indian food

- ▣ **Mosquitoes** - First few nights my hands were very itchy as I awoke from a 2 hr sleep, increasing the challenge of going back to sleep. At night downstairs in my shorts my legs get attacked.
- ▣ **Bed/Mattresses** - The thin pallet mattresses are not great for my back. I cannot lay flat and in the morning my lower back is stiff. I stretch it out and it seems to be OK.
- ▣ **Indian bath** - Bucket to fill and a cup to pour water over yourself. Water goes different places than in the shower, especially the face and ears.
- ▣ **Heat** - It's been in the low-90s. Ceiling fans and breezes only do so much. Fortunately the lows are in the low 60s so it cools off for sleep. I can tolerate it but it does get sticky.
- ▣ **Indian food** - Not only is garlic used liberally but several other spices and seasonings are used that I don't care for. Lunches at ACPL are purely Indian food. I usually only take the rice, dal (lentils) and fruit. Prema is trying hard to fix food for me and succeeding most of the time. Don't seem to be going hungry or losing weight.

Journal entry March 5th 2011

- ▣ I am still having waves of anxiety probably a combination of culture shock and feeling that I have made a huge commitment for ministry here. As I read the Bible the Lord gave me these verses which brought me to tears,

Journal entry March 5th 2011

- ▣ *⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Matthew 17:6-8 (ESV)*
- ▣ I have sensed the Lord telling me to trust him. I prayed that I would lose my fears and see '*no one but Jesus only.*'

Overcoming Culture Shock

1. **Cease** - don't make any major decisions.
2. **Confide** - in a same culture friend.
3. **Connect** - with a local.
4. **Celebrate** - your cultural identity in small ways.

COMPETENT & CONFIDENT

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'I can do that...'

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- ▣ ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)
- ▣ ⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

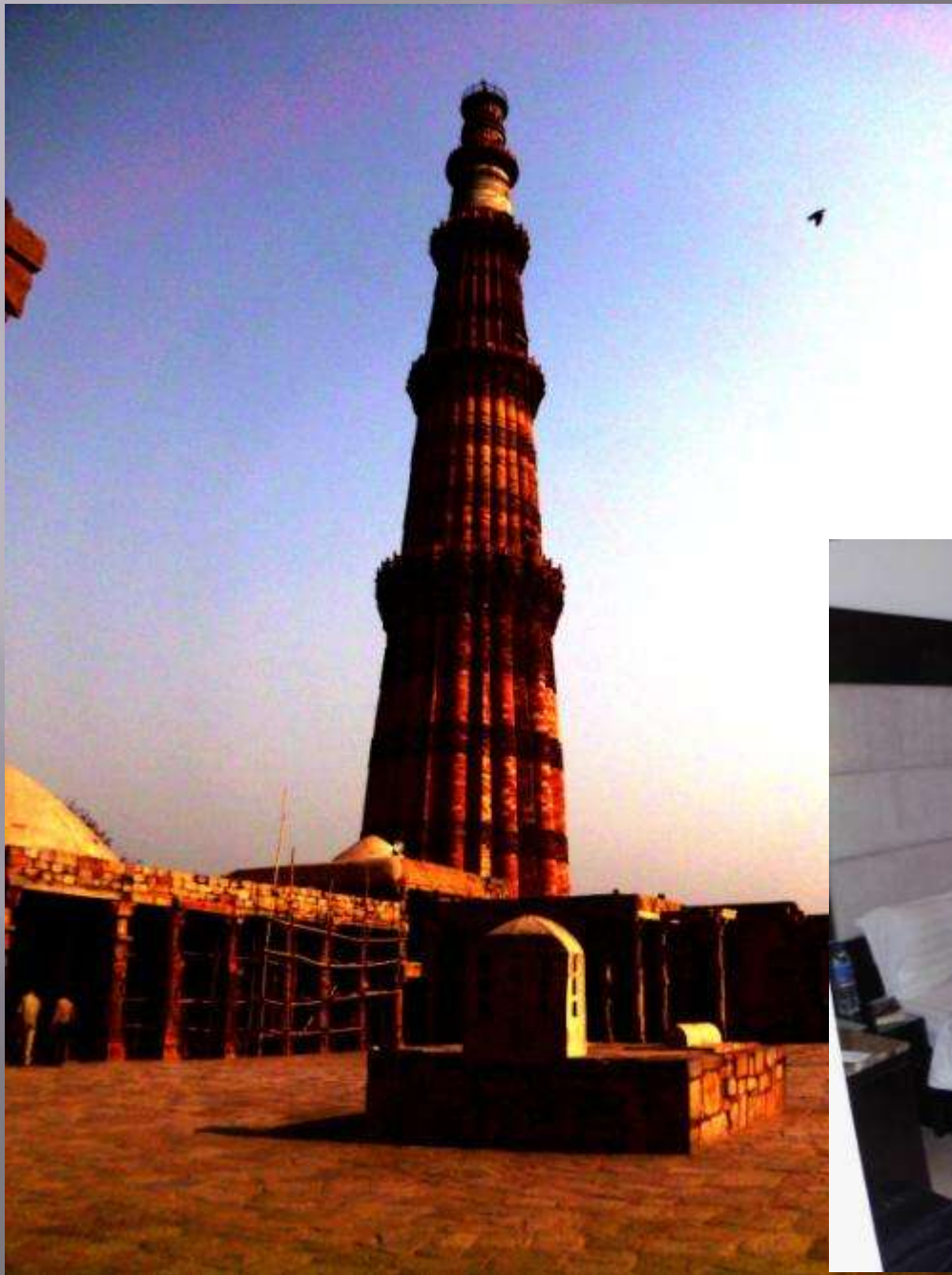
LEARNING TO TRUST GOD, AGAIN

Looking to see what God has done.

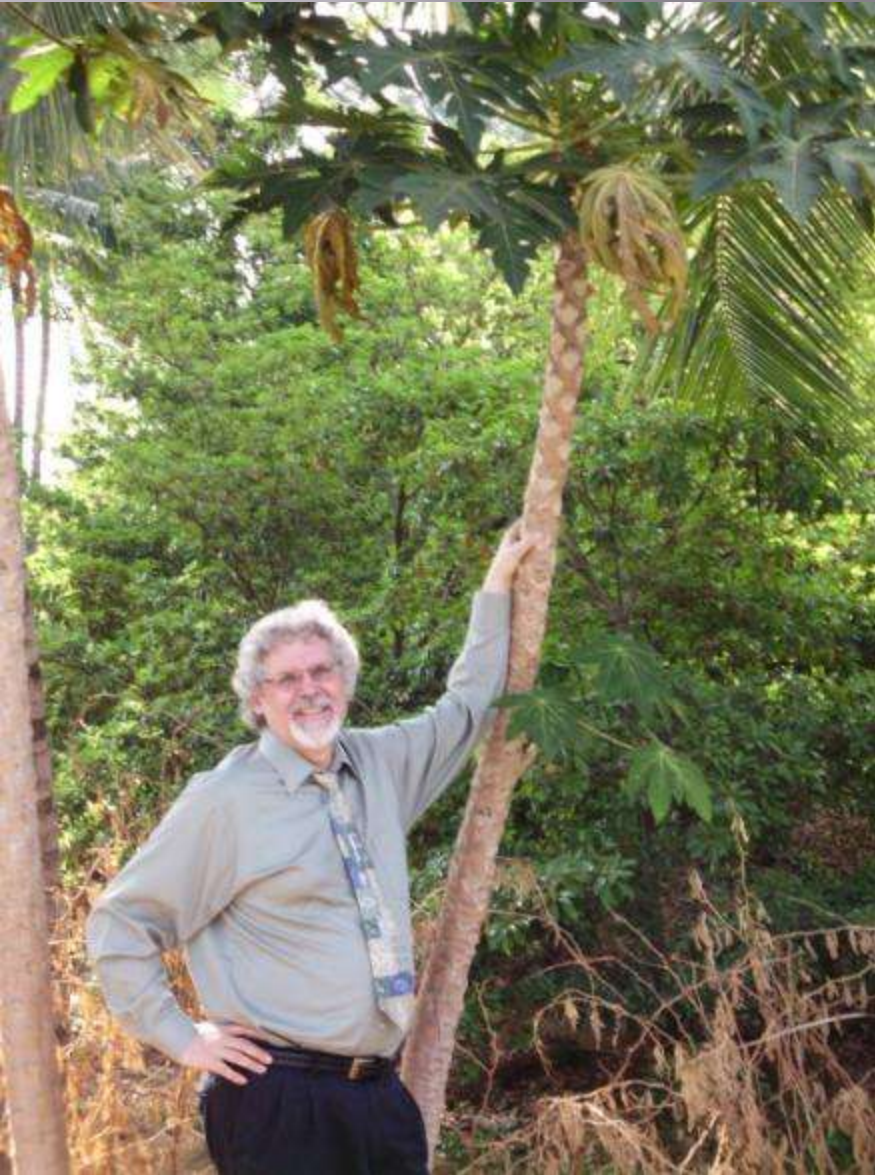
- ▣ Seeing Old Friends
- ▣ Making New Friends in Bangalore; Dimapur and Gurgaon

▣ **" I received more than I thought I would."**

Psalm 71 -
'Forsake me
not when my
strength is
spent.'



Trusting God



- ▣ When God calls you to do something bigger than yourself start trusting.
- ▣ When your comfort zone is going, going, gone **draw near to God.**
- ▣ **Expect God to show up** both in your life and in what you are doing for him.