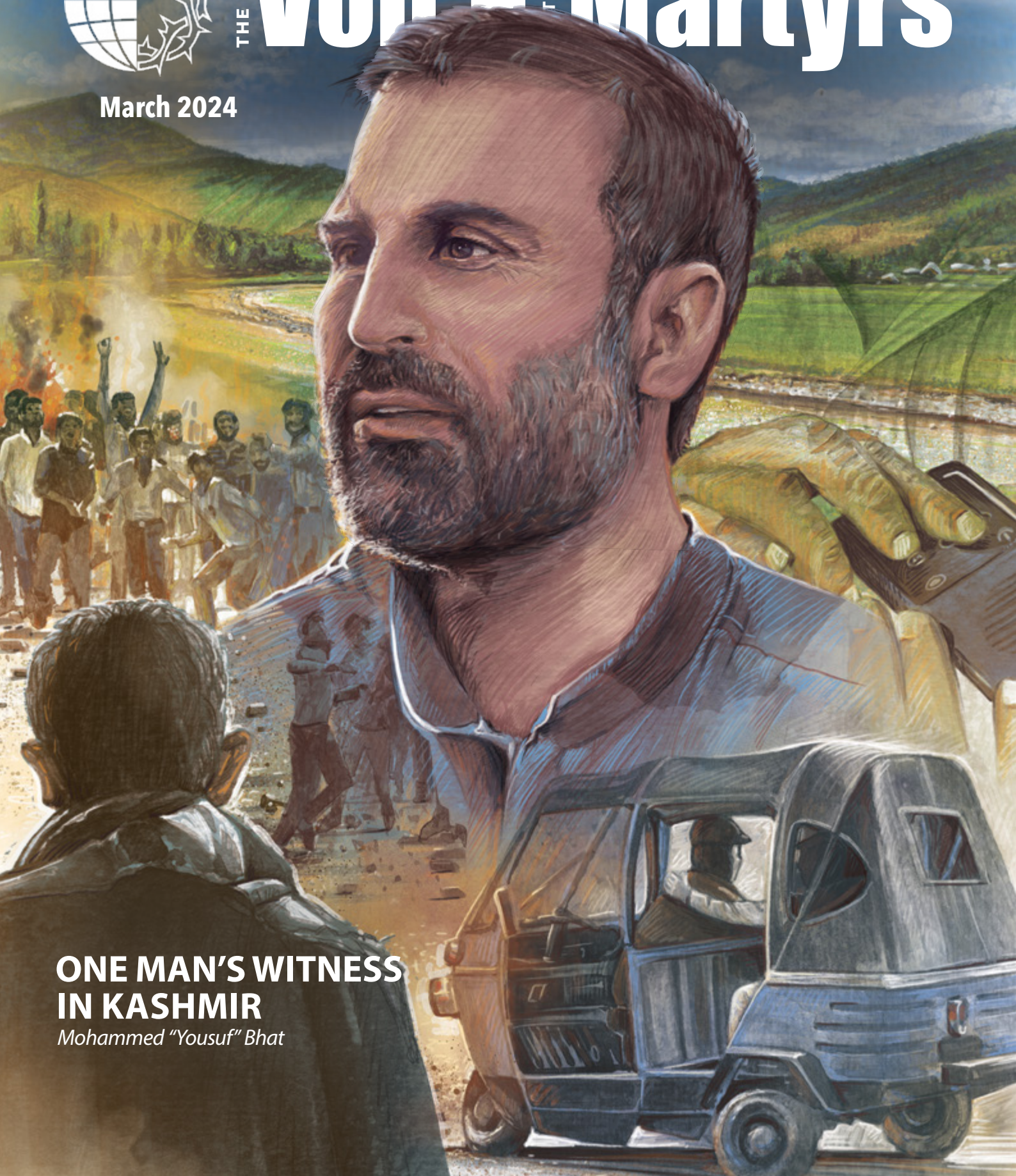




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ONE MAN'S WITNESS IN KASHMIR

Mohammed "Yousuf" Bhat



"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them." Heb 13:3

About the cover: Mohammed “Yousuf” Bhat proclaimed the Gospel in Kashmir, India, until being martyred for his faith in 2015. Since then, those he discipled have continued to bear eternal fruit despite strong opposition in the region.

The Freedom of Simple Obedience

As Christ’s disciples, we are simply called to obey Him — at any cost and with no assurance of results. Only God can bring forth eternal fruit from the seeds of our obedience. And He often does so in ways we do not expect and cannot fathom because His wisdom and ability are infinitely, not marginally, greater than ours. This truth is both humbling and freeing.

Ahmed was armed with this powerful truth when he risked giving a Muslim man a New Testament in Kashmir, a region that has endured armed conflict between Muslims and Hindus for 75 years.

God used Ahmed’s act of simple obedience to transform a Muslim named Mohammed into a bold evangelist and church planter in a dangerous mission frontier whose population is 97% Muslim. As Mohammed (now nicknamed “Yousuf”) planted churches composed of Muslim converts in the area, he led a Muslim named Mahmud to Christ.

A short time later, Mahmud began walking in simple obedience by giving Bibles to five Muslim friends in his village. He wrestled with fear as he did this because loss of family relationships, housing and jobs are often the minimal cost for following Christ in Kashmir, and many have paid with their lives. But his simple response of obedience to the Lord’s instruction helped him conquer the fear.

By July 2015, Islamists in Kashmir had seen enough of Mohammed’s witness for Christ. Four masked gunmen dragged him from his home and shot him on the street, where he died. As in every case of persecution, the attackers’ goal was to silence the Gospel. But they merely watered the seeds of Mohammed’s obedience with his blood, resulting in a great harvest. Mahmud and other Muslim converts continued to witness for Christ — at any cost and with no assurance of the outcome.

I am greatly encouraged by remembering that God has expanded His eternal kingdom in Kashmir through the simple obedience of one man distributing a New Testament. VOM’s founders, Richard and Sabina Wurmbbrand, came to faith in Christ through a similar act of prayerful

obedience. We can all rejoice in understanding that God can bring forth fruit for eternity through our simple and unremarkable acts of obedience to the Great Commission.

Let’s be resolved to obey our Lord and obediently scatter the seeds of His truth everywhere we go. When we do, we — like Ahmed, Mohammed and Mahmud — will be freed from the anxiety of overanalysing risks and consequences. In simple obedience, we can trust that as we do our part, God will build His kingdom. And we will be surprised by the harvest that, unknown to us now, awaits us in eternity.

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A photograph of a man from behind, looking out a large window. The man is wearing a dark jacket and a scarf. The window has a dark frame and multiple panes. Outside the window, a building with a yellow wall and a red roof is visible. The interior of the room has a wooden ceiling and a wooden shelf above the window. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Fighting for KASHMIR

A few decades ago, a young Kashmiri man was ready to take up arms in the struggle for Kashmir's freedom. But today, he is willing to lay down his life so that everyone in the region might find true freedom in Christ.

In early 1990, as militant groups emerged to challenge India's claims of sovereignty in the Kashmir Valley, 27-year-old Ahmed had to choose a side. Although he viewed the militants as freedom fighters, he knew that others considered them terrorists.

His allegiance was initially influenced by his family's ties to neighbouring Pakistan, which has fought India for control of predominantly Muslim Kashmir since 1947. And when India's soldiers responded to Kashmiri protests by shooting dozens of people, his convictions solidified.

"I wanted to fight back," Ahmed said.

He wasn't alone in those sentiments. Many of his friends sought training at a separatist camp in a part of Kashmir controlled by Pakistan. "When they came back," he said, "they visited me at my home, and they were carrying AK-47 rifles. That was the first time I had seen those guns up close."

Various militant groups encouraged families to offer their sons as freedom fighters for Kashmir. The young men were told that if they died in the conflict, they would end up in paradise.

"The situation was very volatile everywhere," Ahmed said. "Even during the calls for prayer, the Imams would call out, 'Freedom! Freedom! We want freedom for our people!' That was the kind of passion that had crept into everybody, and they began to hate the Indians."

Caught in the Conflict

One day, militants and soldiers clashed in the streets. Ahmed remained at home with his wife and two young boys, but when he went to assess the damage the next day, he was deeply shaken by

what he saw.

"The streets were filled with dead bodies," he said. "You could not count them. It was difficult to tell who died — army soldiers, militants or your siblings."

As he walked among the dead, Ahmed saw the body of a close friend.

"He had just come to my house with a gun," he recalled. "It was heartbreaking because we were very close to each other. My friend had just got a job as a teacher. He was quite intelligent, and this was his end."

The death and destruction changed Ahmed's view of the insurgency. Suddenly, he detested the idea of fighting. "I had just become a young man," he said.

"I had so much to see in this world, but all I saw was the militancy."

Although he wanted no part of the conflict, it continued to pursue him. As he walked out of his house about two months after his friend's death, Indian soldiers detained him for suspected involvement in the uprising.

"I had just woken up and the military got me," Ahmed said. "They bound me to an electric pole."

The soldiers had blockaded the entrance to the village and arrested 25 men, including Ahmed. They beat and interrogated the men before taking them to a temporary labour camp that evening. Because Ahmed spoke the same language as the soldiers, he was able to persuade them to release him after three days.

When he returned home, his mother urged him to flee to nearby Jammu, a predominantly Hindu area where he would be safer. He agreed and moved his family there in 1991.

Finding the Light

The trauma Ahmed had experienced in Kashmir and subsequent stress of moving his family led him to start smoking and drinking heavily, which in turn caused a medical condition that required hospitalisation.

Ahmed's sister, who lived in Jammu and had recently become a Christian, asked her pastor to pray for her brother. The pastor not only prayed for him but visited Ahmed in the hospital. He told Ahmed about Jesus Christ and read him several Bible verses, including 2 Chronicles 7:14, which says, *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

"When I heard these comforting words," Ahmed said, "I was greatly influenced and began believing in Jesus. Within a week's time, I was healed from my illness. This miracle gave me much confidence to rely on Jesus, and I started praying without ceasing."

When Ahmed's family and friends learned he had

left Islam to follow Christ, however, they rejected him.

"Though I was treated harshly," he said, "I did not give up my faith but wished to win my people for Christ."

Ahmed started studying the Bible and joined a small house-church with only four Believers. After his baptism on 10 May, 1992, he felt called to share the love of Christ with his Hindu neighbours.

In October, Ahmed heard a visiting pastor read Isaiah 6:8, in which the Lord asks Isaiah, *"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"* Ahmed and three other men raised their hands, offering the same response as Isaiah: *"Here I am! Send me."*

"I wanted to preach the Gospel," Ahmed said. "The pastor said I was living in a Hindu country where there is total darkness and in a city in total darkness, so I should take the light."

Encountering Resistance

Ahmed and the other evangelists pledged to share the Gospel throughout Jammu for the next seven years, reaching 50 households each day. "I was excited to go," Ahmed said, "but at the same time there was a problem; I had not sufficiently studied the Bible."

His pastor agreed to help him study the Bible for a couple of hours each morning, focusing on the Gospel and evangelism, and then Ahmed would go out into the community and share what he was learning.

The Hindu nationalist organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) controlled the area where he and his friends were working, and they knew the group persecuted Christians in its push to transform India into a purely Hindu state.

"We were not afraid at all, because we had seen and studied that Jesus was beaten up," Ahmed said. "If He was beaten up, it is OK to take a beating. We didn't give much thought to persecution. There was no fear."

Most Hindus were respectful and listened to their message, and Ahmed said many came to faith in Christ. Only occasionally did the conversations spark a debate about religion.

Eventually, though, their influence in the community became known to more militant Hindus. And one day, while the men were telling villagers about Christ, several members of the RSS surrounded them and started beating them.

"I was bleeding from my mouth," Ahmed recalled. "My shirt was torn, and there was blood on me. I took the beating, and they told me never to come back there again."

But Ahmed and the others ignored the threats. Despite further confrontations with RSS members, they continued to proclaim the Gospel until they fulfilled their seven-year commitment, in late 1999.

"In that region, we saw so many churches being planted," Ahmed said. "Many people in the city have come to the Lord, and there are seven churches that are thriving that were planted by me and my team."

Ahmed soon had a dream in which he saw a valley filled with blood. "I woke up in the morning, and I understood what the dream was talking about," he said. "I told my wife, 'I'm going to Kashmir.'"

Mohammed
"Yousuf" Bhat

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A Dedicated Disciple

After returning to Kashmir to work with other local evangelists, Ahmed met a Muslim man named Mohammed “Yousuf” Bhat. The two talked briefly, and Ahmed gave him a New Testament. The book changed Yousuf’s life.

“He joined us for prayers every week and started sharing with other brothers,” Ahmed recalled. “He started training with one evangelical organisation and received a call to serve Jesus.”

Yousuf soon became known as a fearless and passionate Believer who could not keep quiet about Christ. Despite the risk of opposition he faced from Islamic extremists, he boldly disciplined Christian converts from Islam and distributed Bibles and copies of the *JESUS* film throughout Kashmir. Many in the region, including Muslims, saw Yousuf as the leader of the church in Kashmir.

Not surprisingly, Yousuf began to receive death threats, and Ahmed soon faced opposition of his own. “My own people — friends, relatives, neighbours — began to forsake me,” Ahmed said. “The mullah issued a *fatwa* against me because I was talking about Christianity. I felt very lonely and lost. I went through a lot of hard times here, but God was with me. I was forsaken by friends, but not by God.”

Not even a *fatwa*, a public condemnation from an Islamic leader, could keep Ahmed from sharing the message of God’s love. In fact, he doubled down on his efforts. “I was not afraid,” Ahmed said. “I didn’t care.”

During the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, he distributed copies of the Gospel on audiocassettes to Muslims. Some Muslim men, angered by his boldness, physically attacked him. “They severely beat me and ripped my shirt in two for distributing Bibles and other Christian-related cassettes,” he said.

After the attack, Ahmed changed his methods slightly, leaving cassettes and printed Bibles on buses and in other public places. “I received many death threats from Islamic militants,” he said, “but the deceiver’s attempts to dissuade me could not disrupt my attention from serving the true God.”

Terror at His Doorstep

During the next decade, Ahmed endured repeated threats and beatings for his ministry work. The most alarming threat he received was a sealed letter from the Kashmiri Islamist group Hizbul Mujahideen. The group seeks independence from India and union with Pakistan, a goal Ahmed once shared. “When I saw that a letter had come in the postbox,” Ahmed said, “I was so terrified to read it.”

The letter’s warning was unequivocal: “Stop preaching to the people of Kashmir. Otherwise, we will come to your doorstep to shoot you.”

The fact that the group had his current address, after he had moved dozens of times to protect his family, terrified Ahmed. “I decided to run away to another city,” he said. “That same evening, I sat on my knees and ... I clearly heard a voice say, ‘Ahmed, why are you afraid?’”

Again, Ahmed made adjustments to his work to keep himself and his family safe, but he remained dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel despite the increasing likelihood that it could get him killed.

Then, one night, Ahmed received a devastating phone call from Yousuf’s wife. On the evening of 1 July, 2015, four masked gunmen had come to Yousuf’s home and escorted him outside, where they shot him seven times, killing him. It is still unclear which group is responsible for Yousuf’s murder.

“We lost a good soldier in Christ,”

Ahmed said. “He was a rock. I miss his boldness.”

Continuing the Fight

Today, nearly a decade after Yousuf’s death, Ahmed continues to see the effects of his faithfulness and influence everywhere he goes.

“When I go to preach, I see so many Believers and seekers who were mentored through him,” he said. “Somehow, it makes me feel happy and also sad. I salute my friend Mohammed Yousuf Bhat. One day, I’ll see him face to face again. There is a reward in heaven for this soldier.”

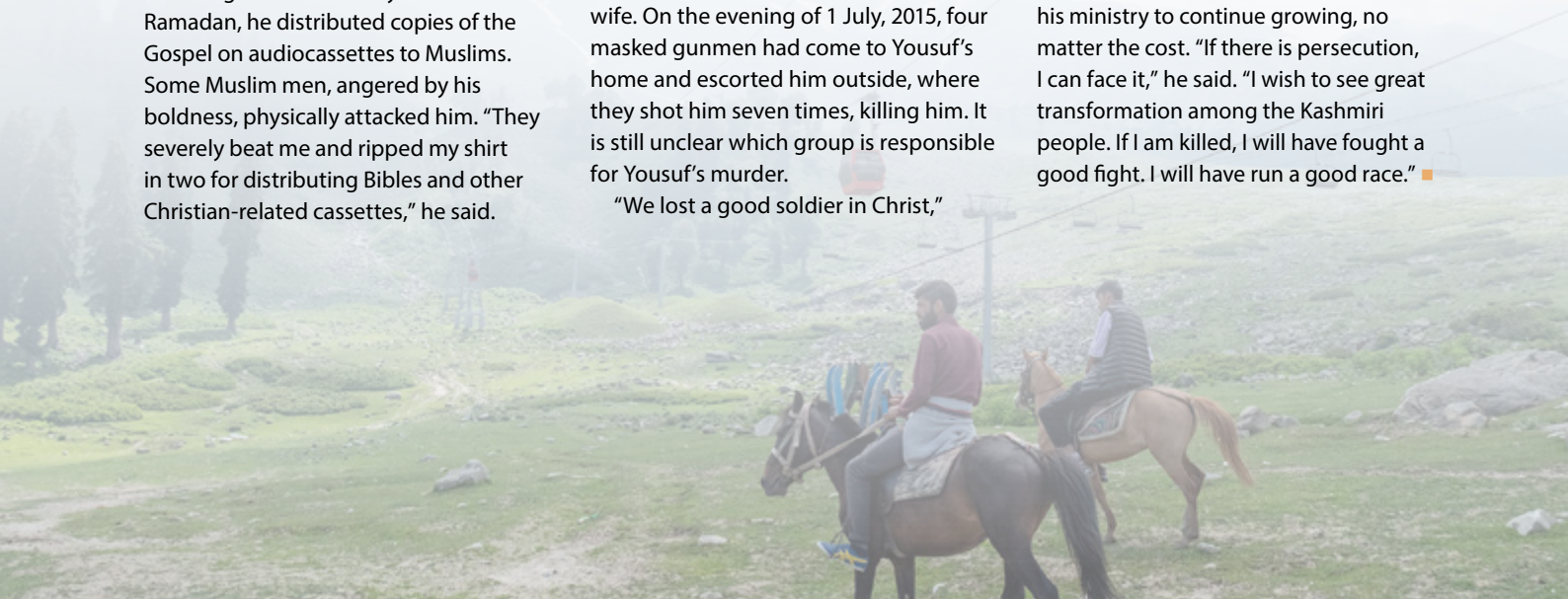
Between the years 2000 and 2019, Ahmed was compelled to move his family 185 times, averaging almost 10 times a year during that period. He continues to take reasonable measures to protect himself and his family, without giving in to fear. He knows God is with him.

“My work is not yet accomplished,” he said. “God has a greater plan and purpose in my life. Nobody can wipe me out from this earth until His plans are accomplished through me.”

Ahmed’s goal is to plant house-churches in each of Kashmir’s 10 districts and to train leaders throughout the region. Today there are churches in four districts. “We can do it,” he said. “If God is for us, we can advance. In God, we can do anything.”

Ahmed and his family have received no threats in several years, but he knows that could change anytime. “Persecution is part of ministry,” he said. “In the Bible, when persecution comes, the ministry grows.”

With that in mind, Ahmed expects his ministry to continue growing, no matter the cost. “If there is persecution, I can face it,” he said. “I wish to see great transformation among the Kashmiri people. If I am killed, I will have fought a good fight. I will have run a good race.” ■



A REBEL for the Cause of Christ

Jailed twice — once as an insurgent and once as an evangelist — a Kashmiri Christian spreads the message of eternal peace.

When Rahim was just 14 years old, in 1989, he joined the Muslim separatist group el-Jihad in northern India, but the teenager didn't really believe in the cause. His home region, the Kashmir Valley, is 97% Muslim, while the rest of the country is predominantly Hindu. This religious and cultural imbalance has caused longstanding tensions and sometimes violence as various Islamic insurgencies have waxed and waned in the region.

The separatist groups scattered throughout Kashmir demanded local support, making life hard and even dangerous for families that would not send able-bodied men to fight. Although Rahim's family was politically well connected and on good terms with the Indian central government, he joined the insurgents anyway to protect his family from the inevitable harassment that came to those who did not support the separatist cause.

Rahim felt coerced to join the

insurgency, even though he didn't identify strongly with the ideology driving it. "I didn't know Allah," Rahim said. "Whatever the mullahs, the teachers, would teach us, that is what we would keep doing. There was no inner peace. There was no satisfaction for the soul."

In 1993, Rahim was captured by the Indian military and detained for four months. During that time, he was harshly interrogated as they demanded information about the insurgency. And

▼ Rahim's journey to faith in Christ began when a taxi passenger told him about the love of God.



"I couldn't find Allah. We were never told that Allah is your friend and loves you."



when he was released, he still felt only despair and dissatisfaction. He survived by doing odd jobs as a day labourer, but the lack of employment was not his biggest problem.

"I couldn't find Allah," Rahim said. "That was a very important thing, because in the Muslim religion the fear of Allah was always put on our minds. We were never told that Allah is your friend and loves you."

Rahim considered suicide to escape the hopelessness, but he soon met a young woman who restored his will to live.

A House Divided

While working at a Ramadan event in 2002, Rahim met the woman who would eventually become his wife. The attraction was mutual and immediate, but there was a significant obstacle: Rahim was a Shia Muslim, while his love's interest was Sunni.

The Shia and Sunni sects have long regarded one another as heretics. Rahim knew their families would not approve, but he decided to pursue the relationship anyway. His family eventually relented, but hers was adamant that they should not marry. In the end, they had a civil wedding in court instead of celebrating traditional Islamic rituals.

The honeymoon was short-lived. When the family of Rahim's new wife learned her whereabouts, they kidnapped her. It took police and court involvement to reunite husband and wife.

"And we lived happily ever after," Rahim quipped, recalling that day. "We were together, and after that everything was fine. I went back home, and my family was happy to have me back. But still there was an emptiness. I was not happy. I was looking for something beyond."

A Passenger with a Message

Rahim needed a way to support himself and his wife, so a friend taught him to drive and helped him get a car to use as a taxi. The work provided not only a solution to Rahim's financial needs but also an answer to his spiritual questions ... in the form of an unusual passenger.

One day in 2004, a man got into Rahim's taxi and, as they drove, said he sensed that Rahim was unhappy. He placed his hand on Rahim's shoulder and said, "We should meet."

When they next saw one another, the man asked Rahim if he prayed. "Are you in touch with God?" he asked.

Rahim felt all his old skepticism rising up. "I thought in my mind, 'Who can really know God?'" Rahim recalled.

But the man, a Christian pastor named Ahmed, continued. "He told me that God is always with me," Rahim said, "and whatever we have to share we can share with Him. This thing touched my heart."

As their relationship developed, Ahmed taught Rahim how to pray and how to draw near to God. Then one day he asked Rahim, "Have you heard of Christ?" From Islamic teaching, Rahim believed Jesus to be a prophet, but Ahmed told him more about the life and teaching of Christ. Rahim's views gradually shifted and he found his heart being drawn to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Then one night Rahim picked up a female passenger who was in deep distress — seven months pregnant and bleeding profusely. While driving her to the hospital, he began to pray in Jesus' name for the woman and her unborn baby. By the time they arrived at the hospital, the bleeding had stopped. The woman was fine, the delivery was normal and the baby was healthy.

"I was just new moving into the

Christian faith when this happened," he said. "The Lord heard my voice and He answered my prayer. My faith really grew because God heard my prayer. It was amazing."

By this time, Rahim and his wife were parents, and he began to tell their two children about God and prayer. When others in his family overheard, their suspicions were confirmed that he was involved with Christians.

"There was a big ruckus," Rahim said. "They said I had gone bad, become evil, that I had better leave the home and go."

But what was intended as punishment, Rahim turned to good. He used the opportunity of living away from his family to openly explain the Gospel to his wife. Though she was at first resistant and even angry, she eventually placed her faith in Christ as well.

A Shepherd's Love

As Rahim and his family grew closer to Christ, pastor Ahmed challenged them to take another step of faith. At his urging, they enrolled in a three-month Bible training programme in 2009 led by a bold Christian named Mohammed "Yousuf" Bhat. Yousuf had also come to faith in Christ through Ahmed's witness.

"Yousuf was a very special person," Rahim said. "If he wanted to convince somebody, he would just keep his hand on the person's shoulder and the person would listen to him. He used to enter a mosque, stand on the first floor and pray in the name of Jesus. If there were some people quarreling, he was the first one to intervene and try to stop them from fighting."

Yousuf was known for helping the poor and vulnerable, his service a reflection of his deep faith in God. He was also an unflinching witness for Christ who patiently built relationships with Muslims

and gently opened the Gospel to them. Rahim learned much from Yousuf's example.

Upon completing the Bible training, Rahim joined Yousuf in outreach efforts to the local community, which was composed largely of Islamic fundamentalists. One day in 2011, as the two men were eating in a classroom where Yousuf taught Bible classes, a group of mullahs burst in and demanded to know what they were doing there. The mullahs searched the room and found Bibles in a cabinet, prompting accusations that Yousuf and Rahim were engaged in illegal religious activities. The mullahs summoned police, who then took them into custody.

They were placed in a small, dirty cell with criminals and subjected to humiliation. "Everybody came to know that we were arrested because we had become Christians," Rahim said. "Whenever someone was passing by, they would look at us and spit and say, 'Be cursed, be cursed!'"

They were detained for 13 days in what Rahim called "pathetic" conditions, but Yousuf repeatedly encouraged him to keep his eyes fixed on God. "Yousuf was saying, 'Whatever happens, just keep praying and praying and praying,'" Rahim recalled.

Local mullahs called in reinforcements — Islamic scholars and leaders from as far away as Delhi — to gather outside the jail and protest Christian evangelism. Rahim said Yousuf was taken outside to answer their charges and demands.

"How dare you say you speak to God!" the protesters shouted.

"Of course I speak to God," Yousuf replied, reminding them that prayer is also part of their Muslim faith.

"He gave the right answers to what they asked," Rahim said.

Eventually, police released the two Christians into the custody of the mullahs,

who kept them locked in an Islamic school for five days. "During that time," Rahim said, "we were told that our thinking was wrong. They were trying to convince us that our faith was false."

After days of pressuring the men to convert back to Islam, the mullahs changed tactics. They sent them home, periodically bringing them gifts of food and looking for any sign that they had resumed their Christian work.

Drifting, Then Drawing Near

Pressure and ongoing scrutiny from the mullahs, though unwanted, didn't discourage Rahim. But a sense of indifference from other Christians after his return home did have an effect. "Nobody ever made a call to me to see about my well-being," he said. "That hurt me a lot."

A Front-Line Worker said many Kashmiri Christians are distrustful of those they don't know personally, even fellow Believers. They experience so much insecurity in their daily lives that they are hesitant to reach out to others.

Rahim's sense of abandonment by local Believers was soon compounded by the loss of his livelihood. His taxi burned beyond repair, and only Yousuf provided help.

"Gradually, I began to drift away from God," Rahim said.

Then, on a wintery day in 2013, Rahim began to cough up blood. He was in and out of the hospital for a week as doctors sought a diagnosis. After finding that Rahim's lungs had "punctured," the doctors gave him little hope.

Though he had drifted away from God, he recalled a song of prayer that he used to sing: "God, remember me; remember me, O Lord." In his weakened condition, he began to sing.

Recalling the scene a decade later, Rahim's eyes filled with tears. "Suddenly I felt a whiff of breeze just pass through me," he said. "The

doctors came and examined me. They put a camera inside and looked. They discussed and said, 'There are no issues with you. You are discharged. You are fine.'"

Rahim was reawakened to the love and calling of Christ by what he considered a miracle.

"God is not going to desert us, even when we go away from Him," Rahim said. "We may distance ourselves from Him, but He will always be by our side. Now my life is constantly in the presence of God. Any issue, any problem, I call upon the Lord."

Rahim's life has not been free of problems and griefs since his renewal of faith. On 1 July, 2015, masked gunmen kidnapped his dear friend Yousuf and shot him. "When I saw the news," Rahim recalled, "I was very heartbroken, because I had never seen anybody like him in Kashmir, the kind of faith he carried."

His mentor's martyrdom has served to strengthen his own faith, and today Rahim tries to emulate Yousuf's commitment to prayer, evangelism and care for the vulnerable. He takes a special joy in walking through the hospital wards, praying in Jesus' name for the sick and suffering there.

Now, Rahim said he "preaches the Gospel to whoever it is possible." And in doing so, he is following Yousuf's example of getting to know people, learning their stories and then speaking Gospel truth to them in the context of those relationships. "By getting to know them," Rahim said, "I know what I should speak to each person."

He also sees that equipping a new generation of Believers is a key part of being a Gospel minister, so he makes sure he is raising his own children to be faithful.

"I am trying to walk the path that the Lord has laid for us," Rahim said. "I want my family to be very strong and firm in the faith. They need to be strong to carry forth the legacy." ■



Prayer Diary

March/April 2024

MARCH

S	17	BURKINA FASO	Pray for Christian women like Assetou who are persecuted by family members and pressured to marry animists.
M	18	KAZAKHSTAN	Pray for the spread and growth of house-churches throughout Kazakhstan.
T	19	EGYPT	Pray for churches facing extreme hostility from the Islamic community.
W	20	MYANMAR (BURMA)	Pray for 11 Christian families from the Palaung tribe who have been pressured by villagers to renounce their faith.
T	21	DRC*	Pray that Christians in eastern Congo will be able to operate their churches freely.
F	22	MAURITANIA	Pray that Christian converts from Islam will be protected from arrest and imprisonment.
S	23	DJIBOUTI	Pray that more churches will be allowed to operate.
S	24	AZERBAIJAN	Praise God for Christians who faithfully proclaim the Gospel despite legal pressure and possible fines.
M	25	KENYA	Pray for the families of Kenyan Christians who have been killed by Muslim extremists.
T	26	BAHRAIN	Pray that Christians will be bold in sharing the Gospel.
W	27	MALDIVES	Pray that Christians who risk imprisonment or expulsion for following Christ, will be wise and bold witnesses.
T	28	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Pray that churches will faithfully share the Gospel with Muslims despite government prohibitions.
F	29	IRAQ	Pray for Christian converts from Islam who face opposition from family members, the government and extremist groups.
S	30	LAOS	Pray for Christians like Phan and Yun who have been rejected or evicted for their faith.
S	31	SOMALIA	Young people in Somalia are becoming disenchanted with Islam amid ongoing al-Shabab attacks. Pray for their salvation.

APRIL

M	1	KUWAIT	Pray that more Kuwaitis will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and place their faith in Him.
T	2	OMAN	Pray that Christians worshiping alone will experience the joy and comfort of God's presence.
W	3	BENIN	Pray for new Christians, who are beaten and sometimes even killed by family and community members.
T	4	QATAR	Praise God that Qataris can easily access the Bible through the internet! Pray that many more will read it.
F	5	SYRIA	Pray that Front-Line Workers reaching Syrian refugees will not grow weary.
S	6	ALGERIA	Pray for Berber Christians who continue to share the Gospel boldly in and around al-Qaida terrorist camps.
S	7	TURKMENISTAN	Pray for an intelligence officer whose heart was softened to the Gospel by the faithful witness of one of his captives.
M	8	UZBEKISTAN	Praise God for Mussalam's boldness and faithfulness to the Lord while she was persecuted by Muslim family members!
T	9	ETHIOPIA	Pray for pastors like Dereje, who has been opposed for his Christian witness.
W	10	CAMEROON	Pray for Christians living in villages along the northwestern border, where Islamist attacks have occurred.
T	11	JORDAN	Pray for those ministering to Syrian refugees in Jordan.
F	12	TANZANIA	Pray that Christians and churches on the 99% Muslim island of Zanzibar will have freedom to worship.
S	13	COMOROS	Pray that Christians who are ostracized by their families will find meaningful fellowship with other Believers.
S	14	VIETNAM	Pray for Dinh Hoc's family, whose home was burned down because of their faith in Christ.
M	15	SRI LANKA	Pray for the training and equipping of new pastors to shepherd the growing number of churches.
T	16	MALAYSIA	Pray for the wisdom of Christians who take risks illegally sharing the Gospel with the Malay people.
W	17	SAUDI ARABIA	Pray that great numbers of the Saudi royal family will hear the Gospel and place their faith in Christ.
T	18	MALI	Pray for missionaries who have been kidnapped in Mali or brought to Mali after being kidnapped elsewhere.
F	19	KYRGYZSTAN	For known Christians, jobs and daily necessities can be difficult to find. Pray that their needs will be met.
S	20	SUDAN	Pray for church leaders who were interrogated and harassed by officials because of their Christian witness.

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