

go ye into all the world
(a repeat daily)

"whether He is a sinner or not i do not know. one thing i know: that though i was blind, now i see." john 9:25

over the weekend i was watching the john ankerberg show. he usually has some good guests to interview. one of his favorites lately seems to be someone from "faith comes by hearing". it's usually morgan jackson, the director and a good spokesman.

this is a ministry i donate to regularly. i have always hungered to get the word of God to people. many years ago i used to be an avid supporter of "open doors" with brother andrew. they smuggled bibles into forbidden places.

the thing is, a lot of people cannot read or write, even if there were a bible in their language. "faith comes by hearing" provides audio bibles which can be shared among entire villages. (illiterate villagers but not unloved by our God.) they can be powered either by solar or hand cranking. look them up if you're interested in knowing more.
www.faithcomesbyhearing.com

i have said all this to give you a brief introduction of morgan and the ministry he represents. he tells some amazing stories and they are often related through tear flooded eyes. you can tell his heart and that of the ministry. anyway, this was his latest story of evangelism.

it seems an audio proclaimer was introduced to a village in tanzania. a translator (george) saw an old man there, 94 years old and blind from birth. he asked him if he would like to hear about the creator in his own language. he said yes, and as they played the book of mark, the old man heard about Jesus healing people and faith arose in him.

he suddenly said, "i want to be a follower of this Jesus". george explained to him about repentance and inviting Jesus in your heart. he then led him in a prayer, and as he accepted Jesus, he turned to george and said, "as you were praying, i could suddenly see". he went on to explain, "i have never seen a sunrise".

george said he would come back tomorrow and they could watch it together. and so he did, the old man wept as he saw it. then they talked for awhile. the old man said he had a dream last night and there was this big door and it opened wide. he asked, "could this be the door to heaven that opened for me as i accepted Jesus?". george assured it it was now open to him.

when george returned the next day, he found out the old man had died. 94 years in darkness and the light was made real to him in one day, physically and spiritually. the mercy of God cared enough to reach out to a single, old, blind man and give him sight; in the here and the hereafter.

those who scoff and ridicule might say, "what kind of God causes blindness for 94 years and then only a day of sight?" none of us know what sin and perversion may

have brought this upon a person; even inherited sin. yes, it exists. "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." exo 34:7 sin has a lasting effect. but there is freedom and release in Jesus. now. at last, this soul will be in a place where there is no more pain and suffering.

i love stories. true stories. Jesus told many stories. stories that have truths hidden in them. He has given us all riches to dig. there will be no end to those who mine them. "it is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter." prov 25:2 we are now kings and priests to our God. "to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." rev 1:5-6

have you begun to dig, your majesty? i don't know about you, but like so many who once walked in darkness, "I was blind, now I see." john 9:25 i've got my shovel ready and i'm digging. i wonder what truth i will discover today?