

# Dear Scott and faith Radio Listeners,

Greetings in Jesus name,  
Happy New Year 2016.

Village Pastors Training Camp (VPTC) is one of the big events that VHM conducts annually.

This is the time we host servants of God and their spouses, who are serving God in villages the remote area in our country.

These pastors are serving God in a very difficult environment and for most of them there are no one to encourage them neither support them. Most of their denomination have abandon them and no one to take care of them.

Voice of Hope Ministries VHM is not a church or denomination, rather it is the Hand of God to encourage these pastors and touch their lives in a special way.

*“<sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**” (Joshua 24:15)*





The whole of my family, my wife and I with our four children, we all camped with pastors in this week of (VPTC). It was a great moment even for our children to get to see the work their parents are doing and involve them to be part of it. Precious our son, Princess our oldest daughter were on praise and worship team throughout the camp. Something has been planted and imparted in them by attending this training camp and get to experience what was going on.



*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, (Matthew 5:1, 6)*

Pastors in the villages are thirst and hungry for the teachings of the word of God. The above photos are pastors from various villages who traveled long distance to come and stay here for one week to learn and feed their spirits then go back to their villages and feed their people there. For most of these pastors, this is the only training that they receive and once they leave this place there will be no other training they can get until the following year when they come back again for a training like this. During the testimony many pastors had ask we do this training at least twice a year to help them survive spiritually and be able to help their members with the sound teachings.



*“6 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:1 – 2)*

# PLEASE READ THIS TESTIMONY!

## **A Pastor Who Became a Muslim and Left a Church!**

A person with me [on the above photos](#), is a pastor who backslide from being a pastor and being a Christian and become a Muslim by choice.

Three years ago as I was traveling in villages with my team, we passed to a village and there was an abandoned church. People of that village told us that the church we see is no longer a church because his pastor became a Muslim and all the members followed him and become Muslims too. Sometime later I had to make a trip to that village and I met a pastor who was then become a Muslim.

I asked him what happened to a pastor like him to become a Muslim? He told me a long story about difficulties he went through with financial challenges that it came to a point he could not have food to feed the family because his church had only 14 people who could not have enough to support him and the family.

He told me that because of hard time his wife (a pastor's wife) had to ask help from a neighbor, a Muslim man so as she can buy food and feed children. The wife of this pastor and the Muslim neighbor ended up in sexual affairs. When things were revealed to everyone a Muslim man decided to take a pastor's wife as his third wife. Pastor's wife left a family and the village and went to stay with this Muslim man in another village. Two years later this pastor got sick and he was hospitalized for some months. During this time no any Christian even his bishops went to visit him in hospital and help him in anyhow. Only his Muslim neighbors visited him in hospital and help him to buy medicine which he needed and help to feed his children back home for some months. No Christian came to help him neither to help his children back home. When he was in the hospital he was asking himself "who are my real friends? Is it Christians or Muslims?"

Then he made up his mind, when I go back home I will make a major decision which will surprise every person. When he recovered and went back home from hospital, he went to a Mosque and tell the leaders in the Mosque that he wants to be Muslim and he will no longer be a pastor nor a Christian. The Muslims were so happy and the pastor was well received and it was announced everywhere in Muslims communities about this great news to them.

Few days later a pastor was given a Muslim women and he married her and they were going to add another wife to him in some months to come. This was a story he was telling me as I was sitting in his little house in village listening from him as his new Muslim wife was fixing a lunch for us to eat.

## What Happened Next!!

While in his house I asked if I can read scriptures, he did not want to listen any counsel from the bible. He said it doesn't matter how many scriptures I will read, It will not change his decision. I talked to him for two hours and asked him if I can pray for him which he allowed and called his new wife I prayed for both of them and since then I have never stopped praying for them whenever I do pray.

2014 when we were doing Village Pastors Training Camp (VPTC) I invited him to come but he refused and said no one in this World will convince him to be a Christian again. This year (2015) I visited him again and talk to him and invited to attend (VPTC) he refused and said he will not do anything which has to do with Christians. About two weeks before we started (VPTC) I got a call. It was him telling me to send him transport he want to come to the training in a condition that we should not push him to become a Christian again. I accepted his condition and send him transport. He came to the training and no one had talked with him anything about his decision. Two days later while the training was going on, he came to me and said Jesus appeared to him and he wants him back to His work in the village and he should not look for any Christian or any men **but** Jesus himself will take care of him and his church. I brought him on the stage and I was interviewing him and he gave the testimony and the whole hall we cried, the cries of Joy. This was a lost pastor **and** now is found. *“<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.*  
(Luke 15:24)



*“<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)*

One of the objectives of (VPTC) is to get an opportunity to bless pastors from villages with different gifts that we buy and collect from churches as a way of encouraging them for the good work they are doing for God in villages. This was a great moment when pastors were able to receive not only the teachings, good meals during the camp, but also going home with something tangible that is a blessing from the camp.

### **Lives Have Been Changed!**

Village Pastors Training Camp was all about transforming the lives of pastors from many villages around the country and even neighboring countries, and they went back full charged and boldly to preach the gospel in their villages and change lives of people in their villages. .

## **Good Problem**

We were raising funds to host 300 pastors or 400 maximum.

With a big surprise 510 pastors attended the training this year.

We had extra 110 pastors who were not in the budget, and we could not send them back home.

We had to squeeze our budget to suit and accommodate all of us.

26 pastors got sick during the camp, we had to take them to hospital for treatment and some of them had to be hospitalized and all the bills came to us.

Some pastors when they recovered they could not be released from the hospital until we go and clear the bills again which were not in our budget.

## **Challenges We Had Faced!**

At the end of the training we had deficit of \$8000 to clear all the bills from hospital and for the camp expenses.

I had to leave the camp and went to the city to look for money, I had even taken school fees of my children which I saved for their school fees this January. I was able to come back with \$2000 and paid hospital bills and to the institution we were doing the training and ask them to give us two weeks to pay the rest.

Early in the morning when everyone was ready to leave and go, the director of the institution ordered the security guys to close all the gates and no one should go out until the bills are paid. Some pastors had already bought tickets to leave they were all locked in. This was very bad experience I went through as a leader. I went and borrow some money from friends and was able to get another \$2000. The director of the institution received that money and ordered people to be allowed to go but our car and all the sound system were locked in until we pay the rest of \$4000 which remained. Until this time as I'm writing this report our car and all PA system are still locked in that institution. We cannot plan to do the outreach for January as we planned before until we have the car and the sound system out.

We are taking this opportunity to thank you very much for your love and care for our pastors so as we may have this training camp possible. We thank you very much for your giving and prayer which had resulted blessings to the pastors of our nation.

There is great impact as a result of this training.

God bless you

In Christ

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