

Redeemed Steel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Redeemed Steel Hammer in July 13th 2024

Multiple Mission Trips to Guatemala October 2024. A few spots still available

Startup Costs for School nearly there. Help us reach the threshold.

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Ministry Family in Costa Rica

Who would have ever thought blacksmithing would be a way to grow a community in ministry, but yet here we are. We have been blessed to see not only ministry opportunities grow, but relationships even in working communities improve as a result of the work God is doing through Redeemed Steel. In April, we went to Costa Rica for the 4th time and held the 3rd annual Ace-ro Redimido (Redeemed Steel) Hammer In. With 40-50 craftsmen in attendance, we see a growing culture of creativity in that country, and a culture that is very open to us sharing the Gospel with and through their craft.

As an added bonus, during our trip there, we were able to share the gospel in a couple of different cities and saw over a dozen people make professions of faith.

But perhaps the best part of the journey was to see our dear friends Kevin and Stephanie again, this time with their newborn twins, Nathan, and Valentina. Kevin and Stephanie have been growing in their faith and service to the kingdom and this time, they became the first every Baptisms performed by Redeemed Steel. Joseph and I Baptized Kevin, and then he in turn helped me to baptize his wife Stephanie.





Acts 17: India

It is difficult to describe what it's like in India. So much of what we see and hear is entirely familiar. People are kind; the hospitality is incredible. Familiar signs decorate the streets for those who fear the local cuisine, a fear entirely unnecessary for the food is incredible. Even an astounding number of people speak a language, or two, that most westerners would be comfortable understanding.

Upon arriving earlier than my compatriots by a day due to unforeseen delays, I found myself sitting to enjoy an evening snack when across the next table over, a delightful young lady, there for a business conference asked me if I was from the US. I stick out. To be fair, at least a few people thought I was Russian, but I digress. We talked from across the tables to each other for nearly an hour as she explained the difficulties India was facing, politics, religion, and the ever expanding crisis of gender identity extremism. How interesting that this place on the other side of the world was struggling with the same things my own home seems so caught up in.

But one thing she said stood out among the rest. "Here," she said, "we have a god for everything... when you take food, you have a god, when you wake up, a different god, when you go outside, another god, gods for all sorts of things." And, as I spent two weeks working with our ministry partners and exploring the culture, I began to feel a sense of what Paul felt in Acts 17 in Athens "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry."

To say it breaks my heart is an understatement. The people here are repressed by idolatry in a way that is almost impossible to describe. It is pervasive in the culture in a way that is almost palpable to the senses. You can almost taste it in the air.

And yet, there is great hope. There are pockets of believers throughout the country, of whom we were able to meet a few, doing great things for the kingdom, reaching those lost in the darkness and bringing the light of Christ.

Partnering with a local church, we were able to, with another of our ministry partners, help in conducting classes on Biblical leadership, helping to empower the congregation to actively share their faith in ministering to their communities.

Moreover, we were able to see God's hand at work in a hospital that provides free or low cost treatment to those infected with HIV and , believe it or not, to those stricken with leprosy. In many cases, God has



Reaching Those Lost in the Dark

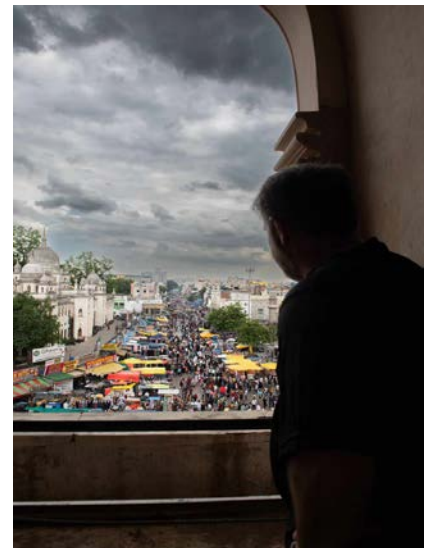
used this ministry to not only save lives of those stricken with these diseases but to also bring entire families to faith in Christ through the ministry of dedicated professionals who give their services, even while risking their own health.

And still there is so much work to do. And it is challenging work. In many places, it is dangerous to openly share Christ. Many brothers and sisters have been martyred in the darker parts of India. Despite a willingness to embrace thousands of false gods, many people refuse to consider the One True God.

I was more uncomfortable than I had been, not because I worried for my safety, but because there was nowhere to turn where the darkness of idolatry did not cast a shadow on the country. There is hope, and God will always make a pathway for his truth to be shared, but the work is great and indeed the laborers are few in a country closing in on 2 billion people with a Christian population of 1-2%.

Where does Redeemed Steel fit it? I don't know yet. This was an exploratory trip, but our partners in India have many ideas for places and ways in which our unique ministry can be applied to great effect. Certainly, this will not be our last trip, and the country will be in our hearts in those times our presence is not active.

I do not know fully what God holds in store for India, but I know he desperately loves the people, and his heart breaks for them in even greater ways than my own. Please keep them and us in your prayers as we seek to find ways to bring light to those lost in the dark.



What is our Vision?

Simply put, to reach the world for Christ.

Until the whole world knows, we have work to do, until all come to faith, our labor is not complete.

Redeemed Steel exists to serve and Glorify God with the Works of our Hands and the Words of our Lips.

Our goal is to reach people who do not know Christ and to bring them to place of faith and salvation in Christ.

We want to create believers who actively share their faith and create other believers, disciples making disciples.

We want to see the name of Christ lifted high. We exist to glorify him and him alone. It's not about us ; it's never been about us, and it never will be.

We will actively partner with those of like mind and faith to serve the poor, educate the people, feed the hungry, and bring light to the darkness.

We are a primary ministry and a supportive ministry to our partners. We serve to enable others to serve. We can play second fiddle or solo.

We want to reach men, women, and children. We want to love like Christ loves, serve like he served, and give everything we have to his great name. At the end our lives, we hope to be well spent in service to his kingdom, in the hopes that we may hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant(s)."

Billy Salyers
President
Redeemed Steel



Redeemed Steel Partnered with Integrity International to drill a well providing clean water to the village of Las Maduras, a town of around 500 people introduced to us by our ministry partners His Works in Guatemala.

Not only do the people now have daily access to clean drinking water, but the gospel has been shared numerous times.

The well is located in front of the local church, so that all who will come to draw from it will find themselves not only in a place to find clean water, but also the water of life.

This is an example of the vision and mission of Redeemed Steel.





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