



Impossible, difficult, done! by Steve Cochrane

"Impossible, difficult, done!" These were the words of missionary pioneer to China Hudson Taylor in the 1860's-but they are just as true now! We are seeing before our eyes the fulfillment of God's dreams for every people and every tribe being able to find their destiny in reaching the world for Jesus.

In the past two months I have been in Central Asia, China, Nepal and of course my own "home" nation of India and in that time have seen in each place a growing missions movement beginning to blossom and grow. These were places in not so distant times when we talked only about sending people "to" these nations-but now we are seeing a growing shift towards a sending "from" these nations.

In the Central Asian nation I was recently in, we now have in YWAM a DTS of 19 students, all from muslim backgrounds. I was teaching in that school and challenging them to consider having a future outreach out of their nation to India. I shared how we are also actively wanting to see Indian YWAMers coming to their nation. When I finished I thought I had shared something radical--an outreach beyond their nation. But guess what? They were already planning to go on outreach to three other muslim nations outside their borders!

All these teams were trusting God for their finances , and some are praying also to go long term in God's time. What was once impossible (so it seemed), is now difficult, but is progressively being done!

In Nepal two weeks ago I prayed and commissioned with our leaders there four long term teams to unreached people groups, including Tibetans and muslims. These teams are led by Nepalese, and have a faith and passion that is deeply inspiring. To see these young Nepalese "apostles" gave me new faith that there are no barriers too strong for the Gospel to overcome. One of these young leaders, from a muslim background himself, is also helping across the border into India with some of our work among the muslim communities there.

As we face challenges in our lives and ministries, it is so easy to throw up our hands and say, "impossible". So many times when we say that we are factoring in ONLY the elements we understand or can depend on from what is visible around us. We often forget, however, that the greatest factor in our lives and situations is always GOD!! Impossible is a word that does not have any meaning when God is in the equation. Impossible then becomes difficult, and with enough perseverance in His grace, it becomes DONE.

We have many challenges before us as a mission and the church, and we are seeing a rising army from all over the world that can face these challenges together. This will also bring a creativity and burst of apostolic energy like the world has never seen.

With whatever you are facing today, just remember those stirring words "impossible, difficult, done!"

Steve Cochrane is the International Director for Frontier Missions