

TRANSFORMATION · YEMEN

Bad Medicine — Great God

Transformation in Yemen

VERSE

"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

STORY

A missionary family in Yemen around the year 2000 were there to do gospel ministry, build wells, and help the locals thrive. Yemen had (and has) a very bad health care system, so when one of their little boys got sick the doctors accidentally gave him the wrong medicine (they were ill trained), a type that stunted his growth. While his friends grew, he fell far behind. One night his parents felt led to lay hands on him and pray while he slept — that God would work this for good, because God had led them to Yemen. Later that night he woke with aches and pains, and by morning he had grown roughly four inches back toward normal height. A huge testament to how God takes care of His children — and a faith-building moment for the family.

— From "Sunrise in the Valley of the Shadow of Death" by Amira Ann

MISSIONARY QUOTE

"I was called not to comfort or success but to obedience... There is no joy outside of knowing Jesus and serving him."

— Karen Watson

STUNNING FACTS

- Years of civil war have gutted Yemen's health system — fewer than half of hospitals remain functional; only about 1 in 5 provide maternal and newborn care.
- A child dies every 10 minutes from starvation or easily curable disease.
- A woman dies in childbirth every two hours.
- About 42% of Yemenis live more than an hour from a working public hospital.
- Virtually all of these women and children have never heard an authentic gospel message about the Lamb of God.

PRAISE REPORT

Even in deep poverty and distress — and even though Yemen is one of the hardest places on earth for Christians — the church is still growing, at roughly 5.1% a year compared with about 2.6% worldwide.

WHERE

Arabian Peninsula · borders
Saudi Arabia, Oman...



Republic of Yemen · 10/40 window

UNREACHED SNAPSHOT

Mapilla of India

Population	about 10 million
Region	Kerala, India
Evangelicals	none known
Churches	no known CPM
Religion	Islam

Pray Kerala's Christians would reach them.

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

1. When tragedy hits people far away, what makes them feel like “statistics” instead of neighbors — and how do we fight that?
2. The missionary family prayed for a miracle they could not engineer. Where are you tempted to trust skill more than God?
3. John points to the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. How does that change how we pray for a nation in collapse?
4. If a child dies every ten minutes in Yemen without hearing the gospel, what does “urgency” mean for your calendar this week?

PRAYER POINTS

- India — largest unreached population (about 1 billion).
- Afghanistan — persecuted church, Taliban, unreached, humanitarian need.
- America — Christian leaders and revival.
- Wars that leave whole regions without a clear gospel witness.
- Yemen — persecuted church, unreached peoples, and humanitarian crisis.

DISCUSS

Choose one thought question. Answer it honestly, then turn it into a short prayer for Yemen.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Pray for Yemen every day this week.
2. Share one fact about Yemen with a Christian who hasn't heard it, and ask them to pray.

Sources: Amira Ann · MessageMissions · Stratus · UN / WFP · Conflicted Podcast