



Adversity means opportunity.

That's God's way.

The people of India are facing terrible adversity.

***Please make this your opportunity to share
the Living Water of God's love!***

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Dearest Ministry Partners!

Warmest greetings in the Savior's Name!

It is a joy to think of you in this beautiful season of the year . . . looking to celebrate the blessings of the Lord together with your loved ones! May the Lord give you the perfect mindset—to enjoy and rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS!

We are inspired as we walk in the train of His glory. He goes before us building His church, and we walk and follow in obedience as He knocks barriers down for us, conquering in His name!

Obstacles? Yes. Adversity? Yes. But God uses problems for a greater purpose!

Even the flu.

As I taught and trained disciples in India and Spain over the past three weeks, deploying them to herald the good news and establish new churches, I was struck by a flu-like sickness.

That could put a damper on things!

But God had a better idea. Struggling against the illness, I taught the book of Isaiah as I never taught it before! I believe the challenging situation made this teaching more memorable for those pastors and church planters than if it had just been delivered under normal conditions.

Our brothers and sisters in India are no strangers to adversity. These are times of intense persecution in their country. Yet they are soaring in ministry! Their attitude is inspiring: *Nothing to lose and everything to gain!*

The government said stop! But it was like using reverse psychology on a child. Now we know, more than ever before—that we must **go!**



If they had just left us alone, we might have continued to work at our own natural pace. But now, the backdrop of persecution makes for higher stakes—and our Indian brethren are pushing ahead in the work at a supernatural pace!

At the same time in the north of India, even greater adversity is turning to victory. .

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While you were following the shocking news about the massive flooding in Houston, hundreds of villages in northern India were being flooded by monsoon rains.

Millions and millions of people have lost everything and there is no FEMA to come to the rescue.

- ☐ Among the most heartbreaking tragedies: Many people drowned while attempting to save livestock from the waters.

Only an estimated 20 percent of India's people can swim. Once nonswimmers lose their footing in the water, panic sets in—and fear is the number one killer.

Even this was not the end of tragedies. . . .

- ☐ Ironically, *the torrential rains made water scarce.*

As the floods covered the entire surface of the earth, sewage mixed with clean waters, making drinking water hard to find.

As Westerners, we may casually suggest that people simply put out pots to catch rainwater for drinking—but the floods took many people's utensils along with all their possessions, and in many cases even their homes. Multitudes fled with only the clothes on their backs!

But in the midst of the nightmare, God has opened a great door of opportunity:

People are now clamoring for bore wells.

A bore well requires drilling, pipe installation, and a pump—but the entire process takes just \$360. *A single bore well can provide enough clean water for several villages!*



But this is not just a matter of opening up the earth and bringing forth water. This is a matter of opening up hearts . . . and bringing forth love.

This is a living demonstration of God's care for people. Wells can lead the lost to faith in Christ!

Jesus Himself used a well to transform a life in John 4. You know the story about Jesus visiting Jacob's well and asking a woman for water. But maybe you don't know the "backstory" . . . amazing facts—about that woman, that well, and that divine encounter. . . .

- ☐ The woman in John 4 was Samaritan. The Jews and the Samaritans despised each other, and the Jews defined a Samaritan woman as "continuously unclean."

For a Jew to use a well that had been used by a Samaritan woman would make that Jew instantly unclean. Jesus was bridging a vast chasm of religious discrimination to ask this woman for water!

- ☐ The well where they met, at Sychar, still exists today. Archeologists have identified it as one of the deepest wells in all Palestine. In other words: This was some of the purest water in the land.

So the idea Jesus proposed—that He could offer the woman even better water— was seemingly preposterous!

And, of course, the biggest shock for the Samaritan woman would be the discovery of *who it was* that was asking her for water . . . and *who it was* that was offering her something astounding:

A life beyond thirst.

You and I are engaged in this same kind of exchange throughout our lives. Jesus makes every Christian a spring of water which will go on satisfying the thirst of others.

The woman in John 4 got quite curious about who this man was and how He could make such extraordinary claims. This was no ordinary well—Jacob, the father of the Jews and the Samaritans—had made this lasting well. Was this stranger greater than Jacob? Yes!

But the woman was trapped behind a huge barrier . . . a barrier of understanding. She didn't grasp the concept of the "water of life." She was blinded by sin—trapped in ***materialistic thinking***.



She wasn't unique! This is a persistent problem even today. Many people have a hard time grasping the spiritual nature of what the Church was charged to do . . . the work of bringing salvation to the peoples of the world.

I've been told more than once that evangelism isn't "sexy"—in other words, it's not as appealing as "building something" or "changing something."

But God thinks differently. . . .

Faith is the conviction of things not seen. By faith we understand how the worlds were prepared: ***What is seen was not made out of things which are visible.*** And without faith it is impossible to please God! All the heroes of the Bible lived by faith, not by sight: Spiritually—not materially! "The righteous shall live by faith—and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him" (Hebrews 11).

This is our calling: to point people from earthly resources . . . to the heavenly Source.

Jesus used regular water to talk about the better kind of water. Now, in the north of India, you and I can do the same. Will you offer someone in India the beautiful gift of a bore well . . . and the Living Water?

A bore well can bring clean water to a lot of people for a long time. The water of life can bring life to a lot of people *for eternity*. In India—in the aftermath of tragedy—we can do both at the same time!

One bore well is just \$360. If you can find it in your heart to give \$360—to dig a well like Jacob did—we can give "your" well whatever name you want! Instead of Jacob's well . . . *Wilson's well! Farnsworth's well! or Grobowski's well!*

You may even be able to offer a whole family of wells. How generous can you be? How much of a mark can you make—for generations . . . for eternity—on the people of India?

Oh, my friend, let's not miss this God-given opportunity to proclaim the love of God in a beautiful, lifesaving way!

There's so much more I want to tell you today . . . my heart is overflowing. I could fill pages about what God has been doing in Spain. But at this moment, the most urgent

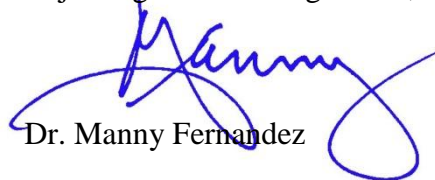


need is in India. My prayer is that we can dig a total of 135 wells. Whatever you give today will help us advance toward this goal. Even if we surpass it, every dollar you give will still go directly toward sharing the Living Water with spiritually thirsty people!

Please pray about this need, this opportunity, and get back to me right away. You can give water to those who are thirsty—now, and more importantly, for all eternity. You can be—in Jesus—greater than Jacob! *You have the wellspring of eternal life within you! Let it flow!*

I hope to hear from you quickly. Thank you! God bless you!

Rejoicing in the Living Water,



Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. One well is \$360. Maybe you can't give that much. On the other hand, 20 wells will cost \$7,200. I don't know how bountifully God has blessed you, but I know He has blessed you! Please share some portion of your God-given bounty with thirsty people. Give what you can. Thank you again!