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You who bring good tidings...go up on a high mountain... lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns ..."Here is your God!" Isaiah 40:9

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# Ready To Go

As the start date of my first overseas venture rapidly approaches, I recall the vision that drives it.

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As part of my preparation for traveling to India, I have been immersing myself in biographies of some of the great evangelistic Christians of history. It has been helpful on many levels, none more so, however, than in helping me focus on the vision that propelled me to do this.

One of the books I have been reading is *A Chance to Die: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael* by Elisabeth Elliot. Carmichael was a legendary missionary to India who spent fifty-three years there without furlough. Elliot is a legendary missionary in her own right, having served for years among violent South American tribes even after her husband had been murdered there. These two great women are very similar in that they exhibit what one of D.L. Moody's biographers described as "A passion for souls." Their lives are absolutely

driven by a desire to reach the lost.

When you dig further into the character of people like Carmichael, Elliot and Moody, you see that their passion is based on a particularly clear vision of the dire situation the world is in and an equally lucid understanding of the God who works to redeem people from that mess. These missionaries behold God's holiness, man's sinfulness and God's amazing grace, and therefore can't help but spend their lives

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"**

**Isaiah 6:8**

trying to reach the lost. In that respect, these heroes are like Isaiah. When presented with the picture we have described (Isaiah 6:1-7), he answered God's call for workers with a hearty, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

That was my response to the same vision when I agreed to go overseas. It has been nice to reminded of it now that the day of departure is so near.

## The Mission

The purpose of Don Johnson Evangelistic Ministries is to boldly and creatively proclaim the Kingdom of God through various means of mass communication, including preaching, radio broadcasting, open forums and web and print publishing.

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**India Trip Itinerary**

April 23-25 Pastor's Conference in Sivagangai
April 26-29 Evangelistic Meetings in Dingidul
May 1-2 Evangelistic Meetings in Vishakapatnam
May 3-5 Meeting with church leaders regarding future events.

This is a pamphlet created by local leaders for the evangelistic meetings in Vishakapatnam on May 1st and 2nd.

The beautiful writing is Telugu, the language of Andhra Pradesh. Now if only they could have made the speaker's face more beautiful (or at least a bit smaller).



## Prayer Requests

Items to bring before God.

### Final Preparations

-Pray that all the last minute details would fall into place and The Holy Spirit will be even now moving in the hearts of those that will attend the gatherings.

### Clarity of Message

- Pray for the content of my messages—that my choice of words will clearly proclaim the truth of the gospel in a way that effectively speaks to the predominantly Hindu audience.

- Pray for my relationship with the interpreters—that we will communicate with each other well so that they will effectively communicate my words to others.

### Travel

- Please pray for safety and scheduling. I will be crisscrossing southern India by plane and car on a fairly tight time-frame. Pray that I arrive at each destination on time and in one piece.

### Health

- Adapting to foreign cultures can take a toll on a body. Please pray that mine adjusts well.

### Family

- Pray for Kendra and the girls as they stay at home. It will be a busy time as Kendra balances work and parenting. Thankfully, we will have grandparents visiting to help out (so pray for them as well!).

### Finances

- Pray that the budget for the India trip will be met. Praise God—we are quite close!

## Practical Needs

Some specific requests from overseas workers

Occasionally I hear about some specific items that are needed by the overseas ministries. If you would like to donate any of these things, I will make sure they get to India, Pakistan and Africa.

- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothes, toys, etc. for the orphans.
- Books: Bibles, commentaries, Bible study tools such as concordances and dictionaries, theological books, etc. for pastors and Bible colleges. Clearing some space on your bookshelf is a hugely effective way to minister to the third world. Books are probably my most requested item.
- A laptop computer for Pastor Thomas—his recently broke.



**It would be a great blessing to Pastor Thomas and the Indian Council of Missions if we could help provide things like toothpaste to these orphans.**

Due to your generosity, we are planning to give the following items to Indian pastors during the Spring trip:

- 1500 copies of *The Jesus Film* in Tamil, the language of Tamil Nadu, to take home and show in their villages.
- 2500 copies of my new book, *The Road to Heaven: A Traveler's Guide to Life's Narrow Way*, also in Tamil.

If possible, I would also like to buy some copies of *God's Story*, an evangelistic film that tells the story of the entire Bible. It is a powerful tool that is being used with great success around the world. In that it provides the valuable context, it would be a perfect companion to *The Jesus Film*.



## Book Available in May

*The Road to Heaven* is at the publisher.

At long last, my first book is finished! *The Road to Heaven: A Traveler's Guide to Life's Narrow Way* is at the publisher being typeset and will soon be available for purchase. The target release date is early May, so hopefully, by the time I get back from India it will be ready. I can't wait to share it with you. Hopefully it will be a source of edification as well as something you can give to unbelieving friends and family as an evangelistic tool.

### FROM THE BACK COVER:

#### *"How Do I Get to Heaven?"*

That is simply the most important question there is. According to Don Johnson, the answer begins with the story of the ancient Israelites' escape from Egypt. He argues that God's plan of salvation for the Hebrews represents his plan of salvation for us. Using Exodus as a guide, Johnson presents a biblical roadmap to Heaven. He explains how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament story and calls us to a journey that is very similar to the one taken by the Israelites.

Whether you are a long-time follower of Jesus, or just starting to investigate what he is all about, this book has something for you. It is full of information and inspiration, practical tips and hard truths. You will find the gospel presented in a fresh way, one that will make you think deeply about what it means to be a Christian.

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You will be able to purchase *The Road to Heaven* from several locations online, including [donjohnsonministries.org](http://donjohnsonministries.org) and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Of course, you can also pick it up from me directly.

## More Print Publishing

Coming soon: pamphlets and postcards that work together with the rest of our efforts.



better make use of these cards, [takethenarrowroad.com](http://takethenarrowroad.com) is being redesigned to offer quick access to not just sermons, but all of our evangelistic content.

As you know, the internet is an integral part of our overall effort. It is the easiest way to access all of DJEM's content, from radio shows to sermons to blog posts to the new book. As such, we are continually trying to get people to the various websites. Our latest strategy involves distributing postcards and pamphlets like the one at left. To

## On Tour

I will be hitting the road to preach and share about the ministry.

Starting this summer, I will be spending more time speaking in churches, colleges and basically anywhere else I can get an audience. My goal will be to preach and raise awareness of the ministry. If you know of any places that might be open to a visit, please let me know.

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- By mailing a check or money order, payable to DJEM, to the address at left.

**A note to Canadian supporters:**

As an American non-profit corporation, donations to DJEM will not be tax deductible in Canada. If you would still like to support this ministry even without the tax break, I certainly appreciate it! Unfortunately, our bank recently stopped accepting Canadian checks, so if you would like to donate, please either do so online or mail funds in the form of a U.S. money order. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## Radio Show Update

The book is finished, so more programs are on the way.



The radio show has been on hiatus as I finished the book and organized our overseas ministry. However, through the marvel of modern technology, it has still been ministering (see listener email below), and now that the book is finished, we will be producing new shows again. Look also for an increased output on the blog, [runawayplanet.com](http://runawayplanet.com).

Don,

*I just started listening to some of your past programs, and I'm hooked. You bring some of the best, most reasoned arguments to the discussion of religion that I've heard yet. More importantly, you do this through the application of logic and with a professional respect for your guests.*

*While I am an atheist, I hope never to be so close minded as to not even listen to or consider other points of view. I have a respect for your understanding that being a Christian is more than just showing up at church every Sunday. I believe that many Christians think of the Bible as well-intentioned fables rather than a factual account and this has the effect of diluting the theology and opening it to debate.*

*Thanks for offering all this discussion and content for free!*

*Best wishes.*



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