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## Vision for Reaching the Persecuted Church

I've had a heart for the persecuted church since I first learned it existed. A few years after meeting the Lord, I read Foxe's Book of Martyrs and it marked me. I have prayed for the persecuted church ever since, and my love for them continues to grow.

Yet I have often wondered what else I could do. How can those who live in freedom help people in other countries who are being persecuted for believing in Jesus? I've shared about ministries like Voice of the Martyrs and Open Door, spoken about the issue and led prayer for the persecuted church, but now—finally—a new possibility has presented itself.

Streams has the unique opportunity to reach into two particular countries: China and India (with the likelihood of reaching several other countries as well). Both countries have Streams teams on the ground, and both need help releasing our material in their principal languages. Doors have opened, and we are suddenly able to increase our reach in Asia.

A Hong Kong-based newspaper that publishes in China has asked to translate and print our recent blog posts about dream interpretation. They are also open to helping us subtitle some of our videos, so they can reach Mainland China.

We have a team in India that is working hard to develop teachers for The Art of Hearing God. They would love more support with their translation work, as well as the ability to provide materials at a discounted cost or for free.

In addition, we are speaking with another ministry that could also potentially help translate our resources—they minister in the Farsi-speaking world of the Middle East and Europe. All these opportunities amaze me! It is possible we are just about to reach into the persecuted church like never before.

### Let Me Tell You a Story

Last year I led a Dream Lab in South Korea. A young man attended who had recently moved there from Macau. He had grown up in a Muslim country and was very devout, but about a month before I met him, he had a dream:

*He was in a city on the street. The high-rise building in front of him began to crumble and fall. In fear he tried to back up to avoid being crushed, but as he did, another building next to him began to crumble. As he tried to avoid that one, a third building began to fall down. At this point, he was frozen in fear and could not see anything because of the cloud of dust and debris. A man appeared out of the dust, holding a light or lamp in his hand. Walking up to him, the man asked, "My son, would you like to be safe?" The young man replied, "Yes!" So the other man said, "Follow me." The young man followed him through the dust and debris, and shortly the cloud began to clear. He found he was in a church with this man.*

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## Our Vision for Reaching the Persecuted Church / Continued

The young man woke up disturbed. The emotions of the dream were real, but why was he in a church? He was a good Muslim—he would never go to a church. He didn't know why he had that dream or who this man was. Much of the day passed before he could shake the dream, and he finally decided it was nothing. But when he went to sleep that night, he dreamed the exact same thing!

Needless to say, he was shaken. Overcoming his prejudice against Christianity, he found the number of a church and called, asking to talk to the leader. The pastor led him to the Lord and began to disciple him, but within a couple of weeks, the young man realized he and his family were in danger from his Muslim friends. If they asked why he wasn't in mosque or praying the same way, they could kill them.

Fleeing to South Korea, he visited a church his pastor from Macau had suggested and saw a sign on the door about a Dream Lab that same night. That is the day I met him. I was able to give him his first Bible, pray for him and advise him to be baptized. Shortly after I returned to the United States, I received a photo of his baptism, and he told me he had chosen a Christian name: John.

### How Many More?

How many more are having dreams and encounters? God has given us understanding and the ability to train dream interpreters—how can we hold back when we have the answers people need?

Beginning in the next couple of months, we will focus on translating as many resources as we can. The team in Hong Kong will work to translate our material into Chinese, while we concentrate on getting more of our material translated into Hindi, the main language of India. The plan is to release these resources in a variety of ways to help them get into closed areas.

One distribution channel is a smartphone application. We've spoken with a developer who can create an app that will provide resources in multiple languages. In addition to free resources (such as our specially translated material), the app will also allow access to Streams Media Plus and Streams Online Classroom. Our goal is for the paid resources to support the ongoing cost of updates, which allow the app to continue working.

The app will work on all the major mobile platforms worldwide (Windows Phone, Apple iOS, Android, Kindle and Blackberry).

### Join the Effort!

Will you pray about how you can help us? As you are planning your year-end giving or deciding if you will participate in Giving Tuesday, consider Streams Ministries. We are passionately committed to making a difference in people's lives around the world!

To develop the app, maintain the constant updates, translate materials and provide the administrative help to oversee this project, the cost will be about \$100,000. This app has the potential to reach one-third of the world's population and most of the persecuted church. Your gifts toward this project will spread the word about a supernatural God of love who speaks today; they will equip the persecuted church and help people like John understand the dreams they are having.

Thank you for your love and support. We wouldn't be able to see this level of fruit without your kindness, prayers and gifts. We are honored to partner with you in restoring the awe of God to the earth and helping people fulfill the purposes they were created for.

**IN HIS LOVE,**  
**JOHN E. THOMAS**  
PRESIDENT

# Persecuted Church

## 2018 Outreach Focus



We have an opportunity to put quality discipleship resources into the hands of pastors and believers in countries that are closed or closing to the Gospel. I recently spoke to a pastor in one of the countries we are working with and he commented that while there are a lot of evangelism resources there are very few discipleship resources. That is where we come in.

Streams Ministries would like to invite you to help us. Our goal is to raise \$100,000. This will cover the cost of the development of an application, ongoing updates for the first year, translation costs, and local help to distribute these resources. 100 percent of your gift will go toward this much-needed cause. Your gift of any size will help!

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**OUR GOAL: \$100,000**

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**TO HELP EQUIP THE PERSECUTED CHURCH TO HEAR GOD BETTER**

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED !**

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**PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD BY TELLING FRIENDS +  
FAMILY AND SHARING ABOUT IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**



# ADVANCED WORKSHOP

## IN DREAMS & VISIONS

This is an instructor-driven intensive workshop experience that delves deep into metaphorical language and the Biblical model of dream interpretation. By applying these techniques to your own dreams you will mature in your gift. As your skills and ability to listen to the Holy Spirit improves, you'll be able share this gift with others by interpreting their dreams.

This course uses terms and concepts taken from the Understanding Dreams & Visions Course. Some of these terms and concepts will not be explained in the type of detail found in the UD&V Course. For this reason, it is strongly suggested, although not required, that students take the Understanding Dreams & Visions course before the Advanced Workshop.

**JANUARY 18-20 / 2018**

John E. Thomas and Paul Cheatham will be hosting this hands-on workshop in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.

If you desire to grow in dream interpretation, this is a great opportunity!

Bring your Bible, a pen, and your dream journal.



**January 18-20, 2018 / Dallas-Fort Worth**

For more information + registration click to:  
[www.streamsministries.com/AWDVTX](http://www.streamsministries.com/AWDVTX)

## COURSES

### **Art of Hearing God**

• January 11-13, 2018 / London, UK / Taught by Jeannine Rodriguez-Everard

### **Advanced Workshop in Dreams & Visions**

• January 18-20, 2018 / Carrollton, TX / Taught by John E. Thomas & Paul Cheatham

### **Understanding Dreams & Visions**

• February 22-24, 2018 / Örebro, Sweden / Taught by Rick Hayes, Heather Sutherland & Team