

Mike Silva Evangelism International, Inc.

Searching for God

THE YOUNG MAN, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE HOTEL WHERE MIKE SILVA WAS STAYING, CAME TO MIKE'S ROOM AND DROPPED TO HIS KNEES IN THE HALLWAY. "PLEASE PRAY THAT I WOULD FIND GOD—THE ONE TRUE GOD," HE PLEADED. OVERWHELMED, MIKE KNELT BESIDE HIM. "FATHER, HELP HIM KNOW YOU AS I KNOW YOU," HE PRAYED. WHEN MIKE FINISHED HIS PRAYER, THE YOUNG MAN GOT UP AND BACKED AWAY, KNOWING HE HAD JUST RISKED HIS JOB IN THAT MOMENT.

Mike encountered many people like this young man during his recent trip to Trichy, in southern India. "Twelve to fifteen times people would come up to me," Mike recalls. "They would say, 'Are you a Christian from the West?' and ask me how to find God."

Mike and the MSEI team will minister January 23-28 in Trichy. The team will host a pastors conference during the

day and crusade meetings at night. The venue? A bare piece of dirt where the team will set up a stage, generator, and lights—after cleaning up the debris.



Mike meets a woman who sells fruit to support her family.

Ninety-two churches are currently involved in the crusade, and 1,450 people have been trained in friendship evangelism. Attendance could exceed 50,000 people.

India will soon have the highest population in the world, more than a billion people. Eighty-three percent practices Hinduism. A common expression of worship of the temple gods, which are usually bronze or wood images, is to set

before them tubs of rice, other foods, or flowers.

"I asked a Hindu priest to help me understand his culture," Mike says. "Isn't anyone offended that when you leave these gifts, they're still there days later? The



A young man on the streets of Trichy.



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the West?
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find God."**

"We cannot rest on a promise until we know the God of that promise." — David Needham



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gods don't take them. Why do people come back?"

The priest answered, "We know the gods are happy."

"How?"

"Anybody is happy when they get gifts."

"This is why I'm going back to India,"

Mike says. "The people are not

satisfied. They don't

lack religion; they

worship many gods.

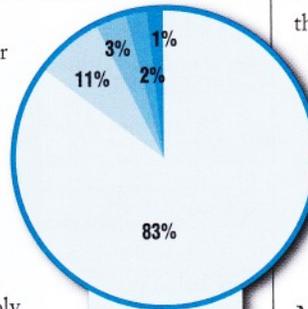
They lack a personal



Shrines like this contain offerings to India's 33 million gods.

relationship with Jesus Christ, the living God, and they're crying out for the answer that religion doesn't provide them."

Please pray for Mike and the team as they prepare to bring the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to Trichy. Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften the hearts of those who would resist the Gospel, and prepare the hearts of those who are ready to hear it and receive it.



Breakdown of Religions in India
 83% Hindu
 11% Muslim
 3% Protestant
 2% Sikh
 1% Other

Promise Keepers celebrates 100th rally in Pittsburgh

Mike had the opportunity to speak at the 100th Promise Keepers conference on June 23. Echoing the conference's "Go the Distance" theme, he

opened the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, rally by challenging men to a far-reaching vision for their faith.

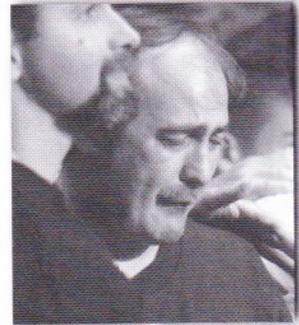
"The Bible says, 'Forget the past and look ahead,'" Mike told them. "That means don't stop now. Your best days are still ahead. When it comes to relating to God, most men feel they're not worthy, that it's too late. It's never too late."

More than 10,000 men listened as Mike then gave an altar call, and 415 stood and walked to the front of the stage. More than 100

committed their life to Jesus Christ for the first time. Among them was Cornelius, a young man about to begin his freshman year of high school, who came forward with his father to receive Christ.

Pedro, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, works with CTI to help duplicate conference tapes. He was overwhelmed by Mike's message and the men's response to it. "It was a completely different experience," he said. "It was phenomenal. You could feel the anointing of God on that place. God uses Mike in a great way!"

"It was a wonderful response, one of the best I've seen for a long time," said J.R. Selby-Hele, national evangelism manager for Promise Keepers. "We just bless Mike for the work that he's done. We know where his heart is at."



Roy Lanning weeps as he goes forward to receive Christ.
 Photo credit: Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we

MSEI News & Notes

Celebrating the Good News in Molalla



It's festival time in Molalla, Oregon...time for *Fall Festival 2000 with Mike Silva*. This event will be MSEI's first evangelistic event in the "festival evangelism" format, which was pioneered by the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association in 1999. Featuring 4Him, Anointed, New Song, Buddy Green, and other contemporary Christian artists, the festival will take place September 8-9 at the famous Molalla Buckaroo Rodeo grounds and its 5,000-seat covered grandstand. Nineteen area churches are participating, with more invited to join in. Excitement for the festival is growing. Three hundred fifty people attended the *Fall Festival 2000* launch rally! The Mike Silva Praise Band led worship, and Mike preached. "It's the most enthusiastic and responsive crowd I've ever seen at a launch rally," says MSEI ministry director Randy Burtis. God is working in Molalla!

MSEI mission to Argentina

At the invitation of local pastors, Mike will preach the Gospel in La Rioja, Argentina, in April 2001. La Rioja is a city of 125,000 people, located two and a half hours west of Buenos



Faces of Argentina: "let the little children come to me" (Luke 18:16).

Photo credit: Cultures of the Andes, www.andes.org

Aires by plane. This exciting opportunity will truly be a group effort. Mike and the MSEI team will take 30-40 people with them to distribute literature for the event, witness on the streets using drama and music, and work on a construction project to bless the people of La Rioja. Randy Burtis and Argentina crusade director Mark Schaufler will soon travel to La Rioja to make arrangements with local pastors and missionary Dave Ellis. Pray for them as the details of the trip come together!

If your church is interested in participating in this international outreach, please contact our Portland office at (503) 614-1552.

Introducing...

The Lord has blessed the ministry of MSEI with many new opportunities to share the Gospel across the United States and overseas. Now He has blessed us with new team members to help accomplish the tasks He is setting before us! Dr. Bill Sands, a longtime friend of Mike's and pastor of Cedar Grove Community Church in California, will direct our India crusades. Mark Schaufler, who has led missions teams to 14 countries, will serve as our Argentina crusade director. And Marianne Goulet is joining us as a second full-time administrative assistant in our Portland office. She'll help coordinate the myriad of details that makes an MSEI crusade happen!



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were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



PRAY

- AUGUST -

12-20 Hume Lake Christian Camp
Hume Lake, California

25-27 First Baptist Church
St. Cloud, Minnesota

- SEPTEMBER -

8-9 MSEI Fall Festival
Molalla, OR

15-16 Promise Keepers
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

22-23 Promise Keepers
Sacramento, California

- OCTOBER -

6-8 SWCB Men's Round-up
Prescott, Arizona

19 Peoria Rescue Ministries
Peoria, Illinois

20-22 Oak Hills Church of Christ
San Antonio, Texas

27-28 Promise Keepers
Atlanta, Georgia

**THE MOST
POWERFUL FORCE
IN THE WORLD TODAY
IS PRAYER**

† Please clip this out and keep it as a prayer reminder †

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BUT LET ALL
WHO TAKE
REFUGE IN YOU
BE GLAD; LET
THEM EVER
SING FOR JOY.
SPREAD YOUR
PROTECTION
OVER THEM,
THAT THOSE
WHO LOVE YOUR
NAME MAY
REJOICE IN YOU.

PSALM 5:11

A man after God's own heart

I studied Psalm 5 recently. King David wrote it. You know, in just 12 verses, that little psalm teaches us a lot about who God is and how He relates to us. He hears what I pray and cares what I say. He answers my requests. He is totally pure; He cannot tolerate sin. Yet His unfailing love enables me to be in His presence—and satisfies my soul. I can expect guidance and counsel from Him that benefits me. And God is my refuge and protection through life's storms.

This psalm also teaches us some simple but profound things about prayer. First, David chose to seek God first thing in the morning, before he tackled the problems and trials of the day. And when he prayed, he prayed passionately—with all his heart.

More than that, he prayed desperately, knowing deep down that he would never make it through the day without the Lord's strength, protection, and guidance. David knew his need was total—not partial! He didn't say, "Lord, You take care of these things for me and I'll handle the rest." He brought it all to God in humility and complete dependence and trust.

Lord, these are the traits I want to describe my prayer life!

Mike Silva