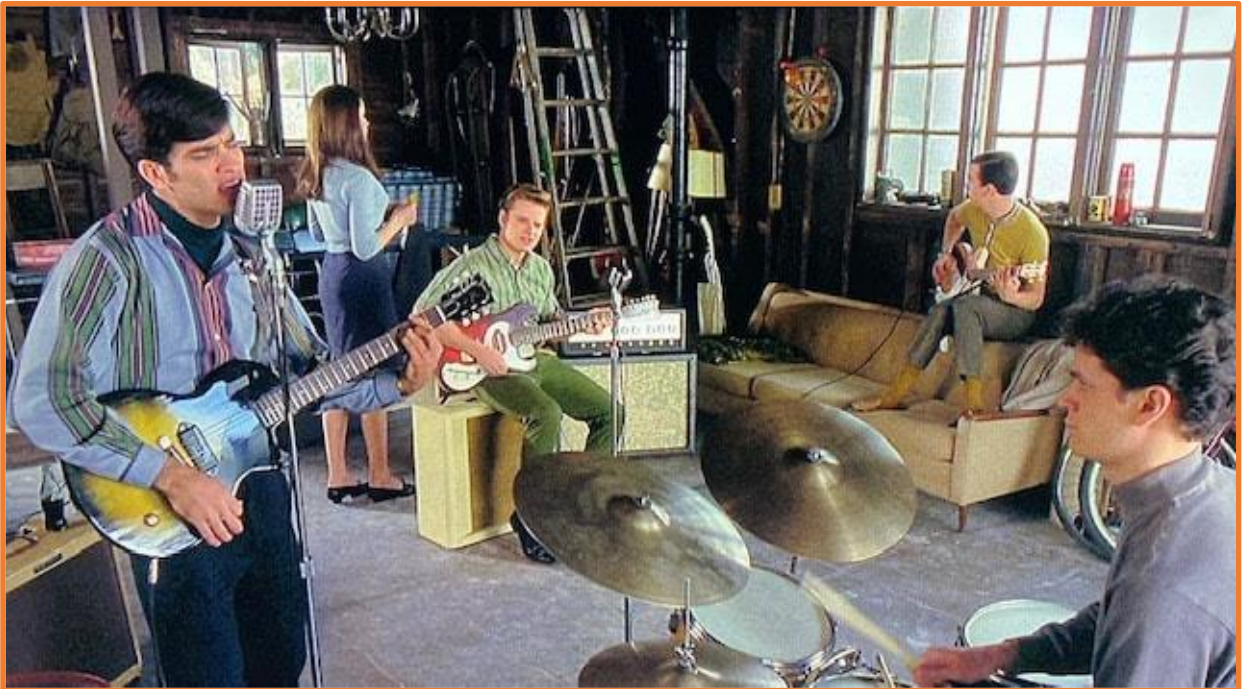


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Time to Move out of the Garage – by Scott Bosier



Our world is a very strange place these days. Technology, transportation, medicine, government, economics, entertainment — you name it, are changing faster than ever before in human history. Bitcoin, artificial intelligence, Amazon, streaming media services...these technologies, some of the helpful (and many of them harmful), are challenging the way we approach the Church, missions, evangelism, discipleship and how we respond as followers of Jesus.

Do you remember the movie “That Thing You Do” by Tom Hanks? It was a look back at a simpler time, when music didn’t come out of some music industry money machine in Los Angeles or Nashville — most of the greatest bands came out of a garage where a couple of guys, girls, or a combination picked up some instruments and began playing music together because they loved it.

They weren't always good, especially at first, but they fervently practiced because they loved music. The movie traces how one garage band made a song that caught fire and led to record contracts, fame, fortune, and ultimately to the loss of the heart and soul of the band.

Over the last few weeks, as Gary and I have met to discuss P2P, where we are, where we are going, and what God is doing; I suggested we are moving out of the "garage band" phase of P2P. This ministry was founded on a fairly simple idea: that pastors are in the most unique position to multiply God's Kingdom by training other pastors — who will, in turn, train other pastors. We have been pushed forward by Paul's commission to Timothy, "*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*" This is the very essence of the Great Commission: to make disciples. As the rapid growth of technology and globalization continues to change the world, the Gospel is spreading — praise the Lord! But with this Gospel spread has come terrible error, and unBiblical ideas have likewise spread like wildfire. Training pastors is essential for protecting those who would be lead astray into false teachings and away from the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Gary and I sit down with Dr. Enoch Washington to discuss and strategize about P2P India

When Jesus gave the Great Commission to the Apostles, it probably felt like a challenge to leave the garage. The world needed to hear the sweet music of the Gospel, yet they were only a local movement. Perhaps the Apostles were overwhelmed by the scale of their mission. Gary and I often feel this same way. The needs are great, and we see the imminent prospect of far off lands that need this training — India is calling, and will be the first new place we begin this year. Argentina will soon explode into all southern South America (Bolivia, Paraguay, Ecuador, Chile). Africa is launching new locations (10 in the past 2 months) and may soon require more attention in order to spread from the west coast throughout the interior and over to Kenya.

It is time for Gary, myself, and P2P to leave the garage. However, we must do so in a way that does not lose the heart and soul of the band! We need more funds, staff, strategic partnerships, church partnerships, etc. This translates into much planning, meetings, and busyness. All of it is necessary for expansion: however, it cannot distract us from our love of 'the music.'

We need your prayers as God moves us *out of the garage* and into new horizons. That we are up to the task, and not overwhelmed and unable to meet the vast needs of those calling for P2P. We need your resources, not just your monetary gifts (although those are crucial and we are extremely grateful for them!), but also connections with pastors, additional givers, instructors, organizations, and other partners that can help multiply kingdom leaders around the world. We are so grateful for your participation in this Gospel mission with us, and we are grateful that you too, love the sweet music that God is playing through us!

A P2P Story

Our translator in Peru is a young man named Emanuel Ccanchi Apaza. He is getting married on February 10th by the way. He has been working with P2P since 2018, and represents one of the over 150 P2P team members world-wide. His story well illustrates the how and why of P2P.

Emanuel loves God and missions. There are not many English speakers in the Peruvian Andes. Emanuel is from Sicuani, which is up in the mountains and a three-hour bus ride to Cusco. He speaks Spanish, Quechua, and English. He has translated in the past for several US mission teams and felt a great sense of purpose and accomplishment. When Emanuel heard about P2P, he wanted to translate for us. He has mentioned on many occasions how training is needed and how thankful he is to contribute to this ministry. Yet, theological translation is hard, our best translators have a theological background. Thus, Emanuel struggled at first. He is not a pastor, nor does he have any theological training. He worked very hard studying the classes and improving his English.



Our Peruvian translator Emanuel along with his parents



He even quit his job at one point to focus on P2P and get ready for each instructor. He did an absolute amazing job for our final courses in the Cusco region. Our parting after this last trip was sad as we will not be sending many US instructors into the Andes in the future as training is now in the hands of national pastors and leaders.

I thought that was all there was to Emanuel's story until this last trip. He informed me that his father was graduating from the program in Tinke. He never once mentioned that his father was a pastor and in the program. He then informed me that his father and mother travel about an hour out of Sicuani to lead a small village church. His father has been taking the 4-hour bus ride between Sicuani and Tinke for all 12 classes. Emanuel says that his father, usually a rather stoic man, has been giddy for weeks leading up to the graduation. He was so excited, as are all the pastors, as this will be the only diploma most of them will ever receive. After graduation in Tinke, his father enjoyed the New Testament course so much, he travelled to Cusco to take the same class again. He was smiling the entire time, which Emanuel says is very unlike him. Completing the program gives pastors a great sense of pride and accomplishment. It also brings the confidence to achieve kingdom goals they would never otherwise attempt, much less achieve.

Emanuel's story is simply one example of many we could tell. Your support and prayers empower hundreds of team members impacting thousands of pastors and their churches.

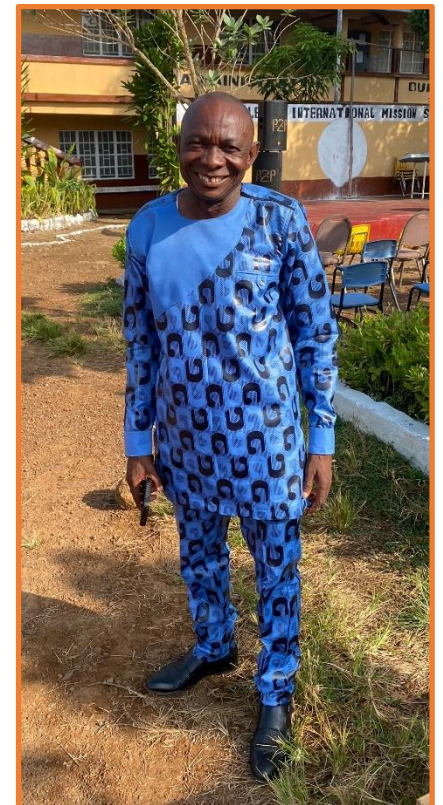


Emanuel has a great sense of adventure. He loves travel and trying new foods. Of course, pizza is an old favorite.

Tamba Lebbie Named Director of P2P Africa

Georgia Baptist Mission Board executive director Thomas Hammond calls Tamba Lebbie "The African Moses." That is an apt description. Lebbie is a leader and multiplier. When he started First Baptist Church in Waterloo, there almost no Christian churches in West Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. Islam is by far the dominant religion. Dozens of churches have been started under Lebbie's leadership and most of our 90 graduates in December can be traced to churches started through his influence. Lebbie is also the director of the Sierra Leone International Missions School (k-12), and the school has blossomed under his leadership swelling to over 10,000 total students on multiple campuses. Again, Lebbie is a leader!

Lebbie will begin transitioning away from his duties at his church and school to lead P2P in Africa. He has already built a team of approximately 35 people along with a P2P council of 12. They have started 10 new P2P programs since December and plan on expanding soon in to Guinea, Gambia, Liberia, and Senegal. We cannot wait to see how God will use Lebbie and his team in West Africa. He will also assist our programs in Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Ethiopia.



Please Support P2P

We are a faith-based ministry that relies entirely on the generosity of our partners and friends for support. We believe we can change the world by training leaders in thousands of communities around the globe to lead healthy and vibrant churches. As we train pastors and leaders who in turn train other pastors and leaders, tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of communities will know the light of the gospel and the goodness of God's Kingdom. If you would like to support this vital pastor training ministry, you can send your tax-deductible donations to:

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We are a kingdom first ministry. We are delighted to share our process and materials with anyone seeking to build God's Kingdom through training leaders. We are eager to assist and mentor those with a similar faith and heart for the nations. We ask nothing in return but faithfulness. If you have an existing mission partnership and believe God is calling you to train leaders, please contact us. We will do all we can to help.

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December 2023 Graduates from Sierra Leone

Our 12 Courses Typically taught over 2 years

1. Theology of God
2. Theology of Salvation
3. Theology of the Church
4. Hermeneutics
5. Old Testament
6. New Testament
7. Applied Church History
8. Pastoral Ministry
9. Missions/Church Planting
10. Discipleship
11. Evangelism
12. Preaching

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