

Faith to Ask: How One Missionary Proved God can provide from Anywhere

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Willing to die, Terrified to ask for support

In a crowded room in India, 32 indigenous missionaries gathered for a Via support-raising boot camp. Each person had experienced the cost of following Jesus—every single person had friends or family who had been beaten or even killed for their faith. They were willing to go anywhere for the gospel, even if it meant risking their lives. But when it came to raising financial support, many of them were paralyzed by fear. They weren't afraid to die for their faith. They were terrified to ask for support. For years, many Indian missionaries have depended on Western donors to fund their work. But as government hostility and cultural resistance toward Christianity increase, foreign funding is becoming harder to access. That's why Via's training is so important. It equips local missionaries not only to go—but to be fully equipped and funded for the work God is calling them to.

God's Provision in Unexpected Places

James, a missionary from Mumbai, was one of the first to attend one of Via's generosity trainings in India. He had the calling and the passion—but lacked the funding he needed and the confidence to ask for it. He had read [The God Ask](#) several times but needed more support. After the training, something shifted. Encouraged by what he learned, James stepped out in faith. He started conversations with Christians in his city—many of whom live in the slums. The idea of raising support in such an impoverished community seemed impossible.

But James believed what Via had taught him: that fundraising isn't about asking for money—it's about inviting others to be part of God's mission.

A year later, James had raised more than half of his needed support from some of the poorest members of his community.

At the next generosity training, when new participants insisted it was impossible to be fully funded without help from the West, James stood up. He shared what God had done through the support of poor believers in the slums of Mumbai. His story stunned the room into silence.

At that moment, something changed in the room. The idea that fundraising only works “somewhere else” was replaced with something powerful: faith. Faith that God can provide anywhere. Faith that local believers, no matter how poor, can be generous partners in the gospel. And faith that, with the right support and training, anyone can be equipped to go.

Today, James is not only fully supported—he’s helping others do the same. He’s preparing to facilitate generosity trainings in multiple Indian languages and is actively mobilizing more missionaries to the unreached. In one of the most gospel-resistant nations on earth, he is helping to send others out—equipped, confident, and fully funded.

The message is clear: fundraising is not just possible—it’s happening. Not in the West, but in slums and small villages. Not because of wealth, but because of faith. With the right tools and a willingness to trust God, support can be raised anywhere and the gospel can be carried to the unreached by anyone. And the mission continues.