

ALL IN GOD'S TIME



God called Ron and me to Coimbatore, India 27 years ago. It was for a purpose not yet known to us, but we knew with assuredness we were to be there. God knew what was to come and had prepared us for such a time. Our hearts were one with the people of India, especially with the Paul family.

In the '30s the Clays, Open Bible missionaries, led a Hindu priest to faith in Christ, but then were driven from India by war. Yet even in the Clays' absence, the ministry passed down through three Paul generations: the original convert, that convert's son, John Paul, and now to John Paul's

children. The ministry had been well established and seeds planted in many small villages. In fact, thirty years ago farm land was purchased in the town of Servani, about 45 minutes from Coimbatore, by the Swedish government so that John Paul could build an orphanage.

Seventeen years ago God came to Priya Paul, the oldest daughter of John Paul, in a dream and gave her a vision of what was to come for the ministry. It was very specific as to where and what, but there was no word as to when. Four years ago, as I sat on the chapel porch in Servani, I suddenly saw in my mind what we should do with our farm. I shared my vision with Priya, and she brought out her journal from 17 years ago. God had put the same vision in both our hearts.

How often we seek God with questions of what, when, where, how, ...?

In **Psalm 31:15**, David declares, "My times are in Your hands." At the right time, God will provide your need. At the right time, God will deliver you. At the right time, God will rescue you.

What does the phrase "all in God's timing" mean?

God's timing doesn't mean that your time is worthless; nor does it mean we should not value our schedules. It simply means that **God knows all, and things occur in His perfect time, not ours**. We still need to work hard and focus on improving our faith! Let's take a closer look at this common phrase, "to wait patiently on the Lord."

In the scriptures, the word wait means **to hope, to anticipate, and to trust**. To hope and trust in the Lord requires faith, patience, humility, meekness, long-suffering, keeping the commandments, and enduring to the end.

Priya and I have put into motion the vision for Servani that God gave us both. The government will not allow us to build churches at this time, so we are building a retreat where all the saints can gather to work and play and pray and rejoice, all on this beautiful piece of land that has been waiting for more than thirty years for God to reveal its purpose.

On September 25, 2022, more than 900 church members and friends gathered at Servani. They spent the day with fun, food, games, singing, and prayer to celebrate the creation of this beautiful retreat. Please pray for the Pauls, the Church in India, and for me as I spend my time continuing the work God gave Ron and me, that I may finish the task we were given and support His kingdom in India.

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Blessings,

Linda Wilson

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