

The Seed is the Word (New Creation)

I. The REAL Future of the World

A. The Fall and Pessimism! ~Since the Fall, Humans to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen, the world falling apart, evil will ultimately prevail over good.

Scarcity rather than Abundance

The Story of Aluminum - rare to common Tiberius, Napoleon, Electrolysis

Surprising solutions!

B. Our Father's Good Plan!

We have a GOOD GOOD Father

Nothing is Impossible

In the Cross of Christ, Everything is Accomplished

The Promise in a Seed – the instructions for a new World

Gen 3:15 NKJ And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between **your seed** and **her Seed**;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

II. The **Seed of the Future Ages is the **Word****

John 1.1 ESV In the beginning **was the Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.. **3 All things were made through him, ...**

John 1.14 ESV And **the Word** became flesh ...

Mark 4.3 ESV "Listen! Behold, a **sower went out to sow....**

13 And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 **The sower sows the word.**

A. Infinite Creativity in the Sown Seed

No Limit

John 12.24 ESV Truly, truly, I say to you, unless **a grain of wheat** falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

1 Pet 1.23 ESV ...**You have been born again**, not of perishable **seed** but of imperishable, through the living and abiding **word of God.**

The New Creation — the Coming Ages!

Eph 2:7 ESV ... *so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness* toward us in Christ Jesus.

God is planning to show exhibit His wealth in what we’ve become and what we accomplish!

B. Sown in Weakness, Raised in Power

1 Cor 15.35 ESV But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36 You foolish person! **What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.**

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

You Can Change the World!!

B. Our Personal Story

A Seed died here... and the fruit is AMAZING!

C. Missions and the Hmar People

THE HEADHUNTERS FIND A BOOK

In **1904 the Holy Spirit fell on Wales.** By 1908 a young man went to India. He received a 5£ gift. Sent gospels of John.

In **1909** a mail runner brought a book to the chief of the village of Senvon in the state of Manipur. It was The **Gospel of John** written in the Lushai language, using the Roman alphabet. The Hmar chief could not read. Nor was he used to receiving junk mail. No one had ever considered his tribe important enough to put him on their mailing lists! The chief deduced that someone thought this book was important for his people. A traveler who passed through the village read the words but did not understand their meaning. Finally, on the back page he found the address of the sender, Mr. Watkins R. Roberts, a 22 year old pharmacist from Wales.

Chief Kamkhawlun sent messengers to bring Mr. Roberts to his village to explain the book's message. To visit Senvon, Mr. Roberts needed permission from Colonel Locke, the superintendent of the Lushai Hills district. The colonel was stern: "The Hmar people are the most savage headhunters in the world. They will lop off your head and make a great celebration over your dead body. When we go there we take at least fifty soldiers to guard us. I cannot spare even one for you."

The Hmars had recently beheaded 500 workers on a tea plantation.

Determined to answer the call of God, he set off. After seven days of trudging some hundred miles over rugged mountain trails, he reached Senvon. Mr. Roberts met with the chief and the villagers.

At first no one was interested in his stories. But the lights turned on for the Hmars when he explained the gospel using their traditions for settling tribal wars.

Imagine, he said, that two tribes have warred against each other for several years. Then one of the tribes decides that it wants peace. It sends its offer by beating a huge war drum on the mountaintop nearest the enemy camp. The other tribe responds by beating its drum before sundown. The tribe who first beat the drum brings a cow, to the boundary between the two tribes. The two chiefs and their men arrive at the carefully drawn boundary. They sacrifice the cow and let its blood flow across the boundary line.

The two chiefs then put their hands on the sacrificial animal, and the spokesmen from both tribes discuss the terms of peace. As soon as they reach an agreement, the two chiefs embrace each other over the slain animal. Then the spokesmen pronounce peace. The people embrace. Peace is restored.

That is how God made peace with us, his enemies. God made Jesus Christ the sacrificial lamb.

Roberts left Senvon with a promise to return and open a school and a medical clinic to serve them. But he found that Colonel Locke had expelled him from the Lushai Hills for disobeying orders and for sleeping in tribal homes and eating tribal food. Roberts was never again allowed to return to the Hmar areas and villages of Manipur and Mizoram. The tribe, however, kept talking about the Gospel.

Chawnga became one of the earliest Christians and along with his friends **learned to read the Lushai** language to memorize

The **Gospel of John**. They shared the gospel with their people, but they had no Bible in the Hmar language.”

Chawnga’s son Rochunga decided to become a follower of Jesus Christ when he was only ten years old. His parents asked him to study at the nearest school—only a ninety-six-mile walk from home! To reach his school, the ten-year-old Ro had to walk through dense forests infested with tigers, bears, pythons, and wild elephants!

Why would they do that??!

Chawnga saw that the Bible could change not just individuals but the whole culture. He concluded that the greatest thing he could do for his people was to ask his son, Ro, to translate the Bible into their language. Rochunga went to school, then university, then to seminary in Scotland, and finally to Wheaton College near Chicago. He completed a translation of the NT into Hmar language in 1958. **40 years after the Gospel tract!**

Watkins Roberts was by that time in Toronto, 62 years old, a polio survivor... He sent a letter to Wheaton having heard of a young man from the Hills of Manipur attending there.

CLIP OF WATKINS ROBERTS (90 sec)

Finally, in 1958, Rochunga returned to India.

The people wanted to read the Bible that he had translated for them, but to do so they needed schools. He began **nine village schools and a high school**. Within ten years, the organization he founded had opened **eighty-five schools, a college, and a hospital**—all without any help from the government. Today **85**

percent of the Hmars know the joy of reading and writing. India's average literacy rate is less than 60 percent.

Those schools' graduates became India's **ambassadors, chief secretaries of state, a director general of police**, high-ranking officers of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), doctors, lawyers, engineers, professors, and pastors. Some well-known Hmars are H. T. Sangliana, former director general of police, member of Parliament, and now vice chairman of the Minorities Commission; L. T. Pudaite, ambassador to five or more countries, including Hungary, S. Korea, and Myanmar.

Mr. Sangliana's character has made him a national legend. In the midst of my country's all-pervasive and oppressive corruption, Bollywood found his integrity so fascinating that his story has already inspired three full-length feature films.

In the 1970s, while many universities were singing the praises of communism, Ro chunga saw through its bankruptcy. What the Bible did for the West and for his people was better than the terror and poverty Marx's Das Capital was inflicting on the people of USSR. The communist government had banned the Bible. But Ro wanted to bless India's Russian friends, so he took advantage of an Indo-USSR friendship treaty and mailed hundreds of thousands of Russian Bibles from India to every address in Russia's telephone directories. Through the years, Ro's organization, Bibles for the World, has continued **mailing Bibles to more than a hundred countries**.

III. Sending Missionaries and Releasing the Future

Welsh Revival 1904 --> Missionaries --> Transformation

IV. Pray for the Missions & Seed Potential