

Summarized Report from Dr. George Patterson to Dr. Bill Smith. Dr. Bill Smith is retired from the International Mission Board and has spent 40 years in Asia.

Patterson: If you can spare a moment, please mention a case or two in a very few sentences that confirm any of the following:

Smith: Evidence that numbers of believers or churches are reported as accurately as field conditions allow (statistics not carelessly bloated).

Scores of individual and small group interviews were conducted asking relational, geographical and chronological questions as well as gathering hard numbers about believers and new churches. The figures gathered are as accurate as those from any of the other scores of movement assessments conducted.

Rapid multiplication has yielded healthy churches (shepherds adequately trained to work in their local context, etc.).

Various approaches using both oral and written materials, conferences, Train & Multiply materials and traveling trainers have pushed out equipping as far as is humanly possible. The net result has been new believers growing both in knowledge, understanding, and practical experience in leading transformed lives. Individual house churches were visited. Leaders interviewed and observed. While they may not have advanced knowledge of theological and doctrinal concepts taught in Western seminaries, they have mastered the practical realities of thriving in persecution environment. Thousands of local believers are role modeling and pointing to scripture, helping newer believers pass on dynamic truths to newer generations of believers.

Reports of miraculous healing and signs are valid (not "all the result unrestrained gullibility").

Habakkuk 1: 5

I know that some will not believe when they hear one more person say that these are real. Scripture predicted that when God does miraculous things that disbelief will often be the result. Validity is always a function of the eye of the beholder.

However here is something you can feel free to include.

“ On several occasions people ranging from a few weeks old baby to an elderly woman were brought to training sessions and received prayer. Numerous times there was an immediate positive response. Interview after Interview produced stories of miraculous healings or deliverances. Sometimes these events were determinative in causing a Buddhist or Muslim to transfer faith to Jesus Christ. Believers were eager to show or describe to this outsider the results of healings and deliverances from habits, addictions or destructive life patterns. Local worship services often included spontaneous testimonies of answered prayer . “

Suffering from persecution is as prevalent as reported (not exaggerated to attract sympathy and funds).

One again if someone does not want to believe , no statement from another new witness will change their mind.”

Bill Smith