

## Results of a Hit and Run

In 1998, after speaking at a Christian rally in New Delhi, India, Dr. P.P. Job received threats against his family.

At the time, his son, Michael, was training at the university to be a medical missionary. One evening, a white Fiat with Delhi plates, traveling at a high speed, changed lanes, rammed into Michael, and sped away without stopping. Michael died from the injuries.

Dr. Job was inconsolable. “It happened because I am a preacher of the Word of God,” he said. “I was shattered. There are no words to describe the pain I went through.”

But as he read his Bible, he found Philippians 1:12 – “The things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel.”

The verse strengthened Dr. Job’s faith, imparting courage to advance the gospel. Today, there is a Michael Job Orphanage, a Michael Job High School, a Michael Job Residential Art and Training College, and a Michael Job Memorial Chapel. Multitudes have been inspired by the story, and God is gaining glory for Himself throughout India because a father was inwardly strengthened by the Holy Spirit.



In the last few years, I have received numerous telephone calls and emails about associates in our company who have suffered immeasurable grief because of accidents to loved ones similar to what happened to the Job family, or a spouse suddenly claimed by cancer at a young age, or a baby lost in childbirth.

As Dr. Job indicated, there is not much that can be said to bring comfort to those suddenly affected these ways.

But I have also learned of the amazing faith some have displayed in the midst of such a personal or family crisis. Their endurance and their witness have touched co-workers in powerful, life-influencing fashion.

We must ask God for His inner strength to meet the challenges of our lives, too.

The Apostle Paul is writing: *I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom this whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man* (Ephesians 3:13-16 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter