

Pakistan Ambulance Project

Driving from Germany to Pakistan in 18 days

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Dear friend,

Please find enclosed our quarterly newsletter published by our head office in the United States. Inside you will find many wonderful stories of our work around the world, including Liberia, Burundi, India, and a remarkable story of survival from the slums of Kibera in Kenya.

Our German office recently completed the mission to drive an ambulance from Germany through to Pakistan. A trip with many stories and adventures, we expect to have a full report on our website soon. Jean-Pierre Rummens from FTH Germany shared this story while driving through IRAN.



"9th of April

What I tell you right now is already on the next morning. The boys are still sleeping in the back. I am fenced in and locked up in a parking lot of a police station somewhere in the deepest Iran. No idea where we are at right now. Why we are looked up? Cool story...

Last night I was so tired, I could not drive anymore. I really was afraid I would crash. So I parked somewhere along the road. No trucks, just me and this old empty bus. I did not feel good about it, but I also could not move on. We prepared everything for the night.

I was maybe laying there for two hours, a car pulled next to me. Three men got out of the car. I felt danger. Last time I felt this kind of danger was in the Bosnia war when we were under attack.

I grabbed the pepper spray and pretended to be sleeping. The men looked around and then inside the car. I was praying hard. One of the men made a phone call. Strange thoughts crossed my mind. Is he calling for more people?

Then they got back into their car and drove off. Not three minutes later, when I was sure they were really gone, I took off too.

"Not one moment longer on this parking place" that was my thought.

I was back on the road for maybe fifteen minutes when a car came back and forced me to stop. It was the same car as before or similar to that. So I locked the doors, and had my pepper spray ready. A guy came up to my window. I thought I knew this man, that I had seen him before.

But I was afraid, nervous... everything.

Then I realized it was a police officer that checked our papers on one of the many checkpoints I'd already gone through. He told me really strong not to park overnight on these parking places. He told me that his people on duty called him and told him about us. So these guys at the parking spot where cops.

They told him by phone about our vehicle and he realized that it was the ambulance that he checked a few hours before. He was so thoughtful that he took a car and a driver to look after us. When he realized that we left the parking area, he kept looking for us. He offered to turn around so that we could follow him to his police station to spend the night there.

I just came back from his office but he had left already, his shift was over an hour ago. No chance to say thank you again. I feel wonderful but also ashamed about so much hospitality and willingness to help. The boys will wake up in a few minutes. Then we will have breakfast behind the ambulance. It is an easy simple breakfast but the one of the most wonderful I ever had in my life." – **Jean-Pierre Rummens**

The full journal of the trip is available right now at his website www.team112.de, but only in German for the moment. Team 112 is the emergency arm of the German FTH office and an Australian equivalent would be "Team 000". Once we have received reports and testimonies from the ambulance in action, we will publish them on our website along with the English translation of his travel journal.

Jean-Pierre began travelling during outbreaks of new terrorist attacks in Pakistan, and Ps. Salik from the **Christian Evangelical Fellowship** continues to report of great opposition, "We have received serious threats from the radicals. Last night we were surrounded by a mob of radicals. But the Lord gave us favour with the government and they gave us a lot of security. The name of our Lord Jesus Christ was exalted in the midst of great terror when I shared the message of love and the power of God. Hundreds of people were touched by the anointing of the Holy Spirit; once again salvations and healings took place. Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ!" – **Ps. Salik 22/4/09**

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