

Listening Guide
“What’s in a Name?”
Featuring Missionaries Paul and Elizabeth Biswas

Paul and Elizabeth Biswas serve as North American missionaries in Massachusetts, where they reach out to the vast number of immigrants from Southeastern Asia.

Fill in the blanks as you watch this video segment.

1. After becoming a Christian, Paul Biswas changed his original family name from Vishnu to Biswas because Biswas means _____ in his native language.
2. Salvation is by grace through _____.
3. From a human perspective, Biswas made at least two sacrifices after professing faith in Jesus Christ. Paul’s father _____ him. He also had to move his _____ to America to follow God’s plan for his life.
4. Paul now serves as a missionary to reach Southeast _____ in New England and across North America.
5. There are _____ Bengalis living in Massachusetts, and a half million in the U.S., but only _____ Southern Baptist churches.
6. The vast majority of Bengali immigrants come from a _____ or _____ background.
7. Paul identifies with the _____ and speaks the native _____ of the Bengali immigrants.
8. One particular challenge Biswas mentioned about reaching immigrants is that they often _____ long hours as they establish themselves in America, leaving little time for other activities.
9. Biswas knows that he cannot reach all the Bengali immigrants in Massachusetts by himself. One of his partners in the ministry is Abu Mansui, who is from a _____ background and reaches out to those with similar backgrounds.
10. One outreach activity that Biswas conducts regularly is an _____ get-together.
11. Biswas is calling out to _____ with a heart for Muslims and Hindus. He reminds Christians that the “world is at their _____.”

Questions for Thought and Discussion:

1. How did the background of Biswas uniquely equip him for this ministry?
2. How are the sacrifices he made evidence of his strong commitment to his faith and his mission? What sacrifices have you had to make to follow Jesus Christ?
3. How did your perceptions of those who have Muslim or Hindu religious backgrounds change as a result of viewing this video?
4. God called Biswas specifically to reach Southeast Asia immigrants living in the United States. How is God calling you specifically to support his ministry?
5. Is God calling you in any particular way to reach internationals, or another specific group, with the gospel of Jesus Christ? How will you answer that call?

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for Paul and Elizabeth Biswas as they reach out to Southeast Asia immigrants with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that other members of their family may one day make commitments to Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for those whom the Biswas' meet on a daily basis, that they will be receptive to the gospel despite the sacrifices that they might have to make in order to respond positively to the gospel.
3. Pray for those who are partners in the ministry of Paul and Elizabeth Biswas, that they will remain faithful and focused in their calling and will not become discouraged by outward challenges.
4. Pray that financial giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering[®] will be sacrificial so that more missionaries throughout North America will be able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ unencumbered by financial cares.