

# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR TRAINER PROFILES

## NORTH AMERICA

To inquire or book Love Your Neighbor in North America or any location not covered below, contact: Cathy Douglass [cathy.douglass@cru.org](mailto:cathy.douglass@cru.org)

**John and Cathy Douglass** John and Cathy have served as missionaries with Cru since 1978, including 21 years in Kenya. Cathy has been reaching South Asians in Kenya and US, and in South Asia through internet and mission trips, since 1993. She has traveled extensively in India, South Asia, and many other countries. To understand South Asian religions, she has read the Quran, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Adi Granth, and many other South Asian books and authors. She started Naya Jeevan as a project of Cru in 2003, and wrote Love Your Neighbor seminar in 2008. John leads the mission trips team in Global Aid Network, Cru's humanitarian aid ministry, and is also an associate trainer of LYN since 2015. The two currently make their home in Dallas.



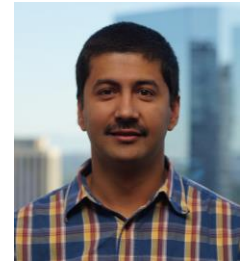
**Danny and Cheryl Walker:** Danny and Cheryl serve people from India and Nepal, including Bhutanese refugees in Central Ohio. They enjoy meeting and helping students and families from India, so are familiar with the values and struggles of South Asian peoples in USA. Danny grew up in Japan. For more than 35 years he has served as a pastor, counselor and discipler with Xenos Christian Fellowship. Cheryl is a retired teacher. She has mentored Hindu and Buddhist background women who have become strong servants of Lord Jesus. In their 30 years of marriage, the Walkers have traveled to India, Nepal and Cambodia to learn about these fascinating cultures, countries and peoples.



**Walt and Katie Tucker:** Walt and Katie serve the Lord Jesus as missionaries in the Raleigh/Durham area of North Carolina where there is a very high density of people from India. They visit various parts of India nearly every year to conduct pastor and discipleship training. They are involved weekly with a South Asian fellowship of Christ followers, with one on one and small group discipleship, and are at the starting phase of developing a network of house churches. Walt, an ordained Pastor, is also an engineer in the Research Triangle with a degree in physics from MIT. Katie is a Clinical Director at a chiropractic office where she meets South Asians every day. The Tuckers have been married for thirty-two years and have two grown daughters and two granddaughters. They became LYN trainers in 2015.



**Richard Lewis** Richard moved from Mumbai, India to Seattle, USA, in 2007 with his wife and daughter. He works for a software company; however he maintains that his boss is a "Jewish carpenter." He considers his relationship with his Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, as invaluable. Richard often sees himself as the Decapolis man who was told to "tell the world what the Lord has done for him." In addition to being a Love Your Neighbor trainer, Richard enjoys serving as a Gideon and witnessing as per the Lord's leading.



**Shibu Cherian** Dr. Shibu Cherian is a LYN Trainer and an Ordained Minister with the Assemblies of God. He serves as the President of *United in the WORD Ministries* as well as the Senior Pastor of Carolinas Christian Assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a certified Chaplain, a Bible Teacher, and has a passion for teaching and mentoring. He is also a Premarital Counselor and is certified as a Prepare-Enrich Facilitator. He authors a daily Bible reading-meditation blog and his audio devotions were being aired daily on Christian radio.



**Sri Purohit:** Sri Purohith, from an orthodox Hindu family, heard the voice of God through two scriptures (Phil 4:13 and Rom 8:31) in a Mumbai train station in 1990 and since then became an ardent follower of Jesus Christ. He is a software engineer by profession and trained in Biblical Studies (Moody Bible Institute) and has a master's degree in business. He became a LYN trainer in 2015.



**Gigi Thomas:** Gigi Thomas, from a South Indian Christian family, became a born again follower of Jesus Christ while attending a community Vacation Bible School around the age of 10. She is a nurse practitioner and educator by profession. She is passionate about sharing God's Love through her career by being a light to those whom she comes in contact with daily. She joined the ranks of LYN trainers in 2018 and lives in Dallas.



**Brian Petersen** Brian and his wife lived for many years in North India and the Philippines. Now residing near Los Angeles, he is still active in equipping believers to share Christ effectively and discipling Indians to follow Lord Jesus.



## **AFRICA**

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**Hash and Deepa Gudka** Hash is a lecturer with the International Leadership University in Nairobi, Kenya, teaching Bible and theology at the undergraduate level. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in Intercultural Studies with Biola University in California. Hash has traveled in UK, North America, India, and many countries in Africa and Asia,

presenting his faith story in Christ, the message of salvation, and equipping Christians, through Love Your Neighbor, to be more effective in sharing Christ's love with South Asians. Deepa came to know Christ through friendship with Cathy Douglass in 1996. She desires South Asian women to realize their true potential through a God honoring life. Deepa is currently pursuing a part time masters in teaching with Biola. They both serve on staff with Cru since 2009 and have two children. Hash became the first LYN associate trainer in 2013 and Deepa soon joined him.



**Billy Oyugi** Billy Oyugi grew up in a Christian home and became a follower of Jesus as a teenager. He took his undergraduate studies in commerce in India where he received the call to reach the local people there. After his study and ministry in India he went back to Kenya and served as a pastor for 10 years after which he joined The Navigators where his focus is South Asians. He undertook a post graduate degree in missions at Africa International University. He lives with his family in Nairobi and became an LYN trainer in 2015.



### **SOUTH ASIA**

We have four LYN trainers in Kolkata and one in Shillong. For security reasons we do not publish their personal information. They are able to teach LYN in English, Hindi, and Bengali throughout India. To inquire or book LYN in India contact [nayajeevan@cru.org](mailto:nayajeevan@cru.org) and you will be introduced to the appropriate trainer.

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

To inquire or book LYN in the UK, contact Harish Patel [hiskrupa@gmail.com](mailto:hiskrupa@gmail.com)

**Harish Patel** Harish Patel comes from a Hindu home, and became interested in Jesus through other Gujarati Jesus' disciples in Nairobi, Kenya, and is now a disciple since November 1983. For the last 20 years he has lived in London with his family and ministers in a local church. He became a LYN trainer in July 2016.



### **AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI**

We are beginning to establish a presence in the Pacific region. To inquire or book LYN here, contact [nayajeevan@cru.org](mailto:nayajeevan@cru.org).