

## Poetic Possibilities through Prayer

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The poignant Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, gives instruction of the kind of communicators (poets) of the gospel we need in the world today:

*"By poetry, I do not mean rhyme, rhythm, or meter, but language (and I would add 'action) that moves like Bob Gibson's fast ball, that jumps at the right moment, that breaks open old worlds with surprise, abrasion, and pace...To evoke a different world, a new song, a fresh move, a new identity, a being at home to those who live on the edge of despair, hopelessness, and conformity."*

Indeed, God is waiting for and wanting poets to speak and stand with courage in the midst of civil conflicts, global terrorism, poverty, injustice, death, disease, HIV/AIDS, and despair. He is seeking creative expression from his people to offer hope and healing in the name of Christ. Being this poetic prophet is speaking, believing, and striving for better possibilities for persons who face hopelessness on a daily basis and see no way out. Not following a formula or strategy but creating and dreaming and as Brueggeman says, *"shattering, evoking speech (and action) that breaks fixed conclusions and presses us always toward new, dangerous, imaginative possibilities"* is the goal of this global mission organization. The exploration to new territories and possibilities to see the name of Jesus Christ exalted are before us but will only be realized through communion with the Spirit and diligent and discerning research and praying. Your prayers and support allows us to move forward. Thank you for allowing our team of "poets" to grow in the world. The grace and love of God is being realized and experienced by many