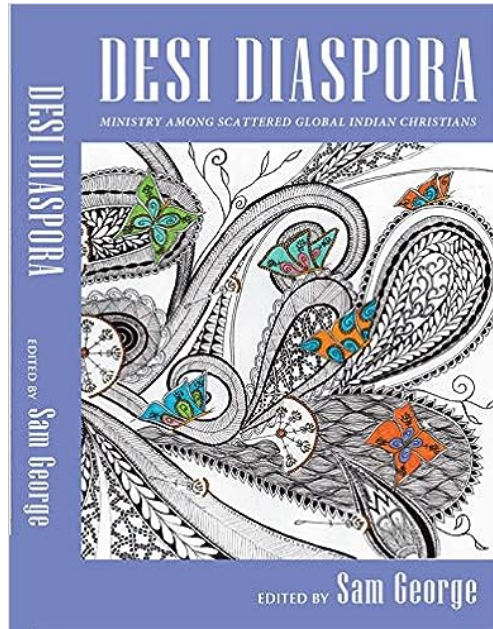


## BOOK REVIEW:

### *Desi Diaspora: Ministry Among Scattered Global Indian Christians*

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We are now living in an age of migration of people bringing along their beliefs and practices. In *Desi Diaspora*, we read of the unique accounts of ministry among global Indians. The author, and editor, Sam George, is an Indian American who is based in Chicago and serves as catalyst of diasporas for the Lausanne Movement. In this book, he provides a heartwarming account of the scattered global Indian Christians in every continent.

The readers can expect to be introduced to diaspora mission, including Scriptural foundations of diaspora church that: identifies with the teachings of the apostle Paul, and we are ambassadors of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). That having being reconciled with Christ, we are now reconciled with one another (2 Corinthians 5: 14-21).

In *Desi Diaspora* (book covers), the scattered global Christians who have left their places of birth and have chosen to live in faraway lands with all the challenges and uncertainties of survival in the new territory. There is a sense of relief, when one's career is determined with accomplishments and success. The extended families are reunited at times in the new place that is finally called home!

There are 17 chapters covering places such as Australia, England, and Canada.

I found the following essays as a few highlights that stood for me:

Ushaben HR Patel is a British Gujarati Christian, and together with her husband, Matthew, they had served in cross cultural missions with several international mission agencies.

Stanley V. John was born and raised in Kuwait. He and his wife live in New York City. He is the director and assistant professor of missions and intercultural studies at the alliance Theological Seminary, in Nyack.

Geomon George writes- 'The End is a New Beginning.' My aunt has a nursing degree, and carried with her dreams and aspirations for her family and community, to pursue a career in the United States. '

In the book, the contributing authors are drawn from different denomination backgrounds such as Catholic, Orthodox, Mar Thoma, Evangelical, Reformed, Pentecostal and others. All are involved in church or ministry leadership of some form in their respective places of settlement. It covers both first and second generation of overseas Indians. I believe these narratives will continue to engage the readers and aspire the future generations.

As the largest diaspora community in the world, this book features wide array of Christian ministry by and among them in diverse socio-cultural settings, especially in light of the growing number of Christians in diaspora.

Overall, this book is an excellent read and recommended to understand dispersed Indians and how God is working among them worldwide.

As a reader, I am encouraged to be steadfast in the Lord, in the ministry of teaching the Word of God, to continue in the mission of reaching out to Indians and, for the glory of God.