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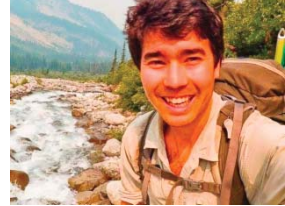


## HOM Editorial

### News Report:

22 Nov 2018 - PORT BLAIR,  
INDIA (AFP) - An American  
missionary was killed in a hail of  
arrows by an island tribe untouched by modern civilization.

Mr John Allen Chau, 27, was attacked as he set foot on the remote North Sentinel Island in the Indian Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal. He was crying: "My name is John. I love you and Jesus loves you... Here is some fish!"



It might not be right to call Mr John Allen Chau a missionary, as someone called by God and sent by a church.

### Another piece of unsavory news for Christians:

Pastor Lee Jae-rock of the 133,000-member Manmin Central Church in Seoul, South Korea, has reportedly been banned from leaving the country after five women accused him of rape.

Lee set up the Manmin Central Church in Guro, once a poor area of Seoul, with just 12 followers in 1982. It has now grown to 130,000 members. "I was unable to turn him down," one of them told South Korean television. "He was more than a king. He was God," added the woman.

The 74-year-old pastor is facing legal complaints from five women who say that he sexually assaulted them from the late 1990s to 2015, local broadcaster JTBC reported.

### Do all these bad news upset you?

In the first story, was John Allen Chau trying to emulate the exploits of the famous American missionary, Jim Elliot, who was killed by the Auca Indians of Ecuador on 8 Jan 1956? I believe that God is not constrained to sending out missionaries to be sacrificed for His work in this manner only. In reaching out to the <sup>1</sup>UPG, we should also prayerfully be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's direction and take advice from our church elders to avoid high risks.

In the other story about the cult Korean pastor, let it be a warning to us that when a pastor rises to the level of a god, we should be wary of being taken in by the devious stratagem of the evil one. Let no one fall prey to a self-styled leader who performs inappropriate acts in the name of the Holy Spirit. "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." Matthew 7:15

"As you do not know the path of the wind, ..... so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things." Ecclesiastes 11:5

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<sup>1</sup> Unreached People Group