

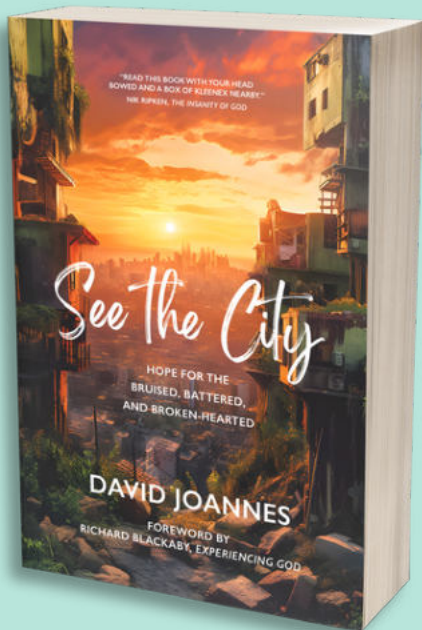
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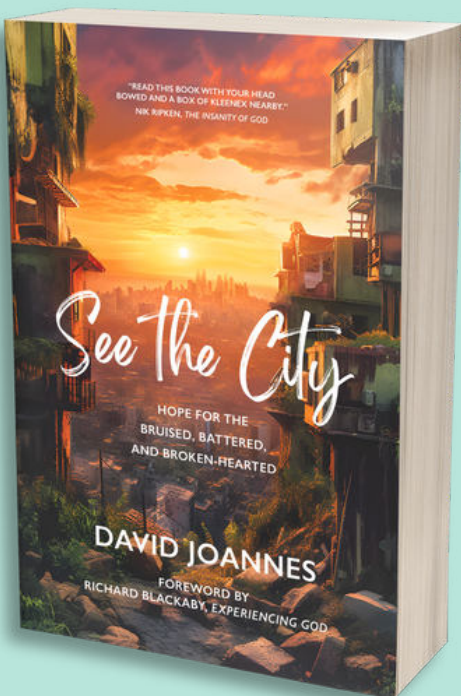
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LETTER FROM THE AUTHOR

Thank you for your interest in helping promote *See the City: Hope for the Bruised, Battered, and Broken-Hearted*. This is my fourth book and my personal favorite. In these pages, I uncover the glorious hope promised to us—even in the most trying circumstances.

We live in an era of unprecedented hope deficit, and people are experiencing untellable pain and suffering on this side of Heaven. Thankfully, there is a remedy: the promise of redemption, restoration, and resurrection. I believe Jesus Christ remains the only long-lasting comfort in this life and the life to come.

I pray this book encourages and inspires you to see the city of God and keep your eyes on the God of that city.

David Joannes is the Founder/CEO of Within Reach Global, host of Missions Pulse video podcast, and the author of *The Space Between Memories*, *The Mind of a Missionary*, *Gospel Privilege*, *See the City*, and *Glorious Hope*. David resides in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where he extends the gospel to unreached communities with his wife, Lorna, and their two daughters.



ABOUT THE BOOK

In *See the City: Hope for the Bruised, Battered, and Broken-Hearted*, author David Joannes unearths the one-of-a-kind hope meant for everyone—a hope that will encourage you to fix your eyes on the city of God and focus your attention on the God of that city.

Inspired by a ten-year-old refugee girl in Myanmar named White Flower, these pages point to the grace of God that restores all who are bruised, battered, and broken-hearted.

White Flower's father, mother, and baby brother were killed by a mortar that struck her hutted home. As her torched village burned behind her, she ran through the Southeast Asian jungle for two days in search of safety on the border of Thailand. Her only remaining hope was to "see the city" because the jungle was filled with bombs, bullets, horror, pain, and sadness.

Though your pain is different than the little refugee girl, you share in the troubles of a fallen realm, a beautiful but broken-down world, a shadowland under the curse of sin. And in this era of unprecedented hope deficit, Jesus Christ remains the only long-lasting comfort in this life and the life to come.

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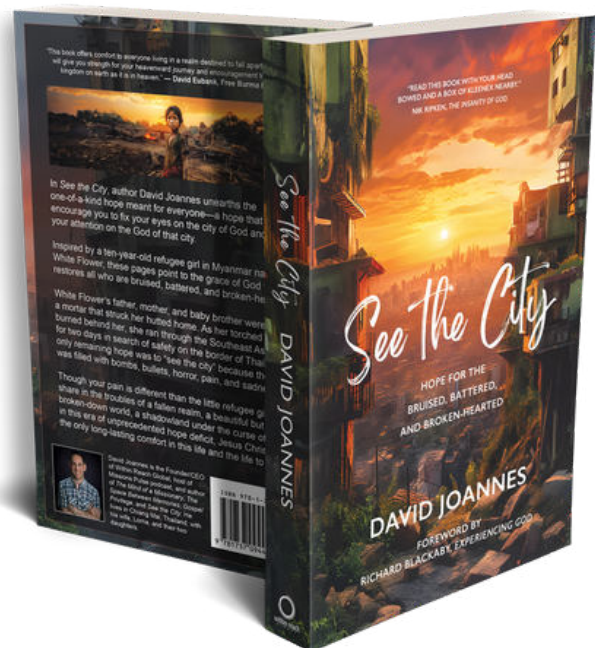
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ABOUT WHITE FLOWER

Po-Wah, or “White Flower” in English, is a twelve-year-old refugee of war in the Internal Conflict in Myanmar. Her name comes from S’gaw Karen, a Sino-Tibetan language spoken by the ethnic Karen people of Myanmar.

In 2021, White Flower’s father, mother, and brother were tragically murdered in the ongoing Internal Conflict in Myanmar. After firing a mortar at her home, the Myanmar Army torched her village. The little girl fled for her life, navigating through the jungle for two days to the border of Thailand.

We met White Flower in June 2021 during an aid and relief project for war refugees. Our Within Reach Global missionaries traveled five hours southwest from Chiang Mai, Thailand, to the border of Myanmar. After crossing the Moei River, which runs between the two countries, they arrived at the shelter for internally displaced persons where the little girl lived.

When we learned about the loss of her family, Poppy, one of our local missionaries asked White Flower about her greatest dream in life. “I want to see the city,” she whispered. Orphaned and alone, her only hope was to experience something more than a jungle because the jungle was full of nightmares.

White Flower remains in the refugee camp in Myanmar. The war continues to rage around her, reminding the girl of her loss and grief. Her only hope in life and the hereafter is the one-of-a-kind hope Jesus offers. We pray she sees the city Jesus is preparing for her. We pray she experiences his comfort and love on this side of Heaven.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Joannes is the Founder/CEO of Within Reach Global, which serves to give gospel access to unreached communities in the spiritual dead zones of Southeast Asia. Through its four strategic focus points—Compassion Ministries, Evangelism, Discipleship, and Church Planting—the ministry has seen nearly 100,000 gospel encounters, 75 churches planted, and 11 outreach centers established. The vision of reaching unreached communities continues throughout China, Myanmar, and Thailand.

David is the author of

- ***The Mind of a Missionary: What Global Kingdom Workers Tell Us About Thriving on Mission Today*** (2018)
- ***The Space Between Memories: Recollections from a 21st Century Missionary*** (2016)
- ***Gospel Privilege: The Unearned Advantage That's Meant for Everyone*** (2021)
- ***See the City: Hope for the Bruised, Battered, and Broken-Hearted*** (2023)
- ***Glorious Hope: A Meditative Coloring Book for Adults and Teens | Based on See the City by David Joannes*** (2023)

David has been involved in cross-cultural missionary work for more than 25 years. He served in China for fifteen years and has lived in Thailand for ten years.

David graduated from the Teen Mania Ministries internship in 1996 and moved to China in 1997. In 2008, David and his wife founded Within Reach Global Inc., a non-profit Christian mission organization focused on reaching unreached people groups in the 10/40 Window. He now oversees a growing number of foreign and indigenous missionary staff at Within Reach Global, headquartered in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

David is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and proficient in Tagalog and Thai. He lives in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with his wife, Lorna, and two daughters.

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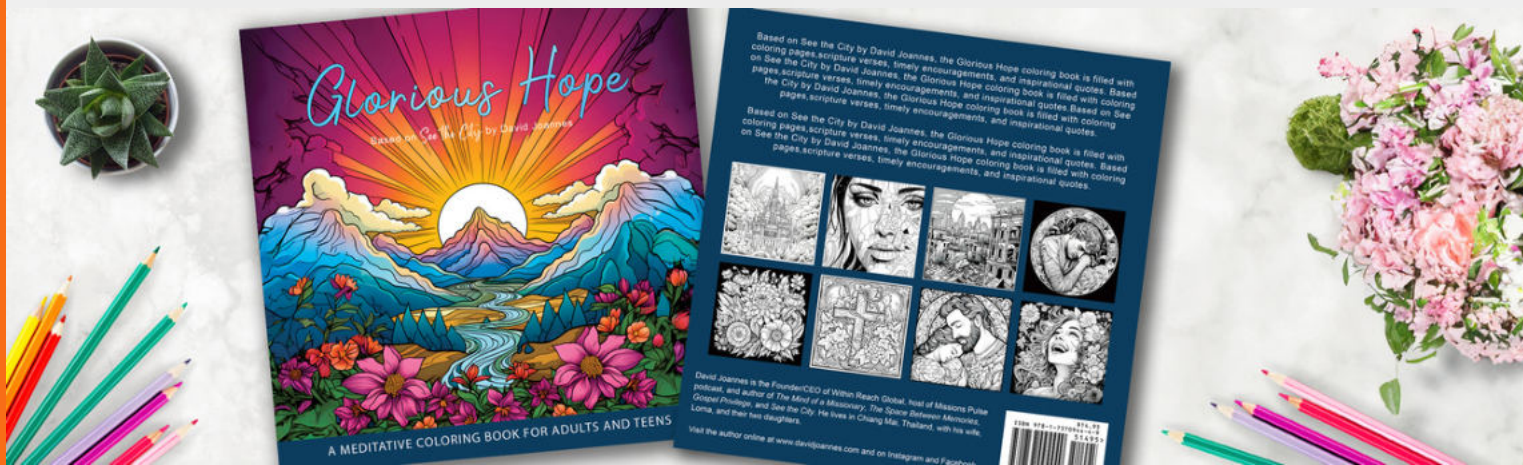
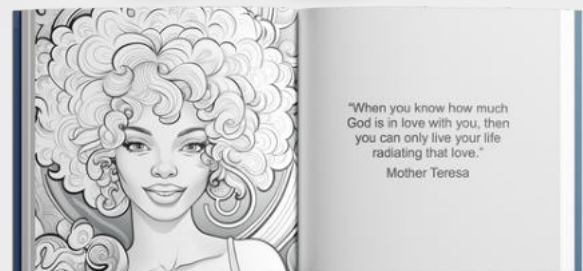
ABOUT THE COLORING BOOK COMPANION

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This coloring book is about hope. But not just any hope. Not merely a longing for better times, a thin veneer of wishfulness that masks the deep sorrow you experience while passing through this world. This coloring book is about hope for an eternal home, a city that lasts forever, a place where pain is gone for good.

Are you ready to go on a journey together? A trek toward that hope? Toward our true home? If so, grab your colored pencils, and let's get started!

As you color and meditate, may you become more aware of the glorious hope God made you to experience.



QUESTIONS FOR PODCASTERS & INTERVIEWS

Here are some suggested questions to ask during a podcast interview. Please select seven to ten question from this list and feel free to ask your own as well.

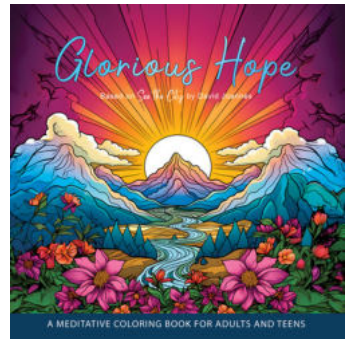
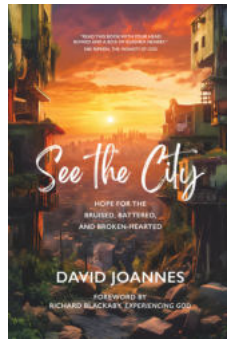
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- What was your inspiration behind *See the City*?
- White Flower, the little refugee girl in Myanmar, plays an important role in the book. Can you tell me more about her?
- What kind of impact did writing *See the City* have on you personally?
- Your book touches on the theme of "Suffering, Sorrow, and Grief." Can you share what inspired you to delve into such profound topics?
- You've included insights from various authors and theologians, namely Saint Augustine. How did Augustine's works influence your writing?
- What has been the hardest chapter/portion of the book to write and why?
- What do the three sections of your book—"A City That Will Pass Away," "A City That Lasts Forever," and "Two Cities Entwined"—mean to you and describe to the reader?
- The quote from Hebrews 13:14 speaks about our transient state on the Earth as we wait for our eternal home. How does this verse resonate with the message you're conveying in *See the City*?
- The chapter titled "Rooted in the Love of Self" sounds intriguing. Can you delve into its main themes and messages?
- You discuss the misnomers people often have when they think about Heaven. Why should Christians think more about Heaven?
- In the chapter titled "Established in the Love of God," you wrote about your daughter's adoption process. How does her story reflect the message of the book?
- How has your personal journey with Within Reach Global influenced the narratives and themes in *See the City*?
- What message do you have for people who are undergoing a difficult season or loss in their lives?
- Lastly, what do you hope readers will take away from *See the City*, and how do you envision its impact on their spiritual journeys?

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Download headshots of David Joannes, book mockups, logos, and promotional materials.

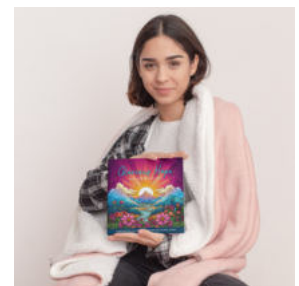
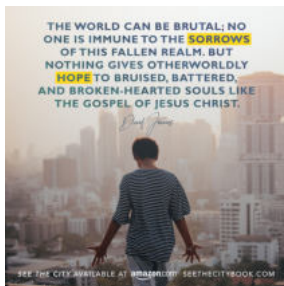
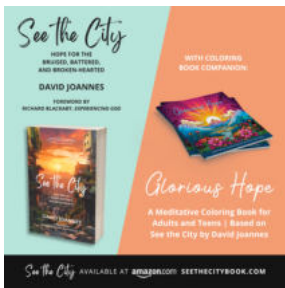
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“I suggest you journey through this book with your head bowed and a box of Kleenex nearby.” — **NIK RIPKEN**, Author of *The Insanity of God & The Insanity of Obedience*, www.nikripken.com



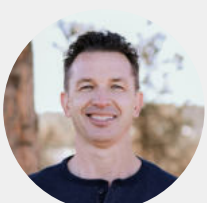
“In this hope-filled book, David Joannes gives us a glimpse of God’s city and challenges us to live in light of its reality—both for today and for eternity.” — **MARK MITTELBERG**, Bestselling author of *Contagious Faith*, and Executive Director of The Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics, www.strobelcenter.com



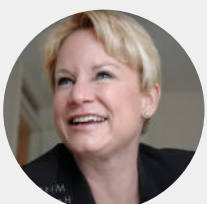
“Through these pages, you will find strength for your heavenward journey and encouragement to joyfully join God’s kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.” — **DAVID EUBANK**, Founder of Free Burma Rangers and author of *Do This for Love*, www.freeburmarangers.org



“In *See the City*, David holds up, holds out, the one hope that sums up all hope, the one reward that surpasses all rewards: the city of God. This might be the most important book you read this decade.” — **MARK BUCHANAN**, Pastor, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Ambrose University, and author of *Things Unseen & The Rest of God*, www.markbuchanan.net



“What few believers realize—but David Joannes beautifully explains—is that as we share, we get an early taste of Heaven’s glories. This book will first break your heart for the lost and then ignite your soul to share the love of Christ with others.” — **GREG STIER**, Founder of Dare 2 Share Ministries and author of *Unlikely Fighter*, www.dare2share.org



“I pray you will be inspired by David’s life and book to see the poor and the broken as treasures God wants to bring to his banqueting table and invite them home.” — **HEIDI BAKER**, Co-founder and Executive Chairman of the Board at Iris Global and author of several books, including *Birthing the Miraculous*, www.irisglobal.org

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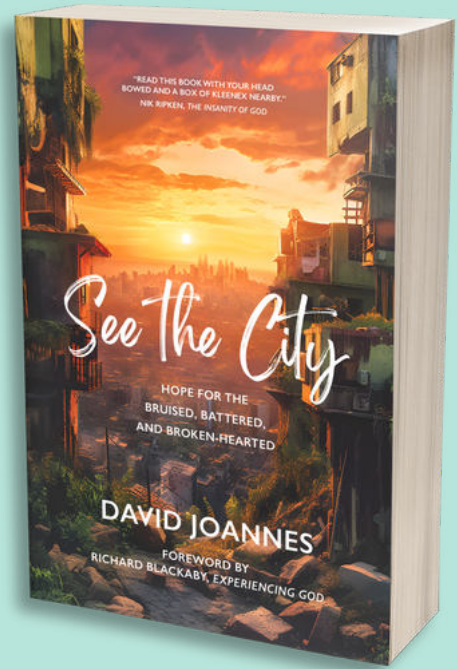
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