



COME OVER AND HELP US ...

"Turn from dead idols to serve the living and true God. "
Acts 16:9 I Thessalonians 1:9

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Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Him we have hope of salvation, the resurrection, and eternal life in a place prepared for us by the One whom we serve. As the New Testament closes, John the Apostle, offers these words, "Come, Lord Jesus." May those words keep our hearts and mind on Him who loved us and died for us.

It has been a busy time in India. At least 250 souls are being baptized every day. Two years back we were seeing about 2,500 souls added to the Kingdom daily. Let us pray that once again we may see such a joyous response to the Gospel. Thanks to the Father for helping the pandemic to lessen so that we may once again begin to reach those who are desperately crying out for salvation.

We have received several emails from Brethren concerning baptisms of Hindus. In our limited space I can only share one brief letter. Brother Joseph Khati writes from about 500 miles north of Calcutta, and only about 45 miles from the China border.

Dear brother Jerris,

I am delighted to share with you that some of the people who used to be the Church's most ardent opponents have decided to follow Jesus in waters of baptism. God is to be praised for all of the prayers that have been answered. We had no idea how these people, who worshipped idols and stood so vehemently against us, could possibly be followers of Christ. I want to express my gratitude to you for your prayers and unwavering support.

We had to struggle a lot for these souls, and I am quite grateful that the Lord provided us with them. Here are some names that you might want to include in your daily prayer list: Sukra Tirkey; Ganesh Baraik; Shiva Kisku; Sita Baraik; Antika Murmu; Sidha Hasda; and Bandri Kisku.

Allow me to tell you a little about Sukra Tirkey, who is 85 years old yet possesses the fire and enthusiasm of a young man of 25 years of age. In spite of his reliance on his walking staff, this gentleman possesses more vitality in his heart and bones than a young man. Due to the lack of a baptistry, we were forced to transport the

entire group to a neighboring river, where this gentleman was among the first to walk into the cool waters of the river. To see him reborn was a source of great encouragement for me personally. He reminds me of Nicodemus in certain ways. There is a story to tell about each one of these former Hindus and how they persecuted those of the faith, and now they themselves have become members of the body of Christ. One more brief mention please. Sita Baraik used to be a ruthless persecutor, but she has now decided to travel the path of life with Jesus. Please remember to pray for these newly born babes in Christ. Your Servant in Christ, Joseph Khati.

The struggle for these souls may be appreciated more if one knows that it takes between two and six years to convert a pure Hindu from idolatry, and the faith of their parents, and grandparents. Our Indian brethren can teach us much about steadfastness in teaching and reaching out in love to the needs of the lost. Salvation for everyone begins and ends in prayer. If you can pray for the lost, you can be a missionary through your prayers as well as your financial gifts.

The church in India is growing. With that growth comes the need of many things which the young congregations generally do not have funds to supply for themselves. An example of this is the need for hymnbooks. We need to supply thousands of hymn books. Several times I have made this appeal over the past year. So far we have received only eight hundred dollars. Please pray about this, and if possible try to help us reach a goal of \$15,000.00. The song books which were mostly written and edited by our brethren can be printed in a hardback edition for \$1.25 per copy. Consider the April 16th email appeal of brother P. Mark, a third generation of Indian preachers in the Palaparthi family:

Beloved brother,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Brother we had a good baptism program with four being immersed in Venkatapuram congregation yesterday.

NOTE: Brother many brothers and sisters and preachers are requesting Song Books. Many preachers from Telagana State and Andra Predesh State as well as Tamil Nadu State are requesting Song Books. Please pray for these requests. Our last printing of 12,000 song books is totally gone....fully distributed. Brother, also, you would not believe how many denominational preachers are now using our song book and requesting more books for their members. This offers a great opportunity for us to share the Gospel with them. Help us to take full advantage of this Open Door for teaching.

Thank You, your brother, P. Mark

There are so many ways for us to reach the lost in India. May we provide the tools our brothers and sisters need to teach their loved ones, friends, and those they work with every day. The church in India is evangelistic.

Thank you for your contributions to help us equip the workers in the fields of India. Last month we sent support for 34 Gospel preachers, benevolence situations, and we purchased land for a new church building in the fourth largest city of India, Vijayawada. Additionally, we provided funds to operate our four schools of preaching covering all expenses for the next six months. Altogether we sent \$17,875.00 dollars. Our Father, who provided food and water for the Hebrews in the dessert, continues to supply seed for the sower and our daily bread. We are grateful for each and every gift. Thank you.

Grace and Peace,
Jerris N. Bullard, Missionary to India

Below you will find a record of your most recent gift(s). This record is provided by our India Fund Treasurer, brother Ed Dugas.

According to our records, we received gifts from you in support of the following:

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