



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,

July is a time for reflections. Today is Independence Day, a time for long thoughts of yesteryear. We remember freedom is not free and has been bought with a priceless currency ... blood. That is also true of spiritual freedom. We are blood bought from the Cross, and even in 2019, there are those whose blood has been shed because of their faith in Christ. Among the latest martyrs are those in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and India. Recently some of our brethren who were sharing their faith in India felt it necessary to return to the USA as a result of threats they had received. It is time, as we reflect on the freedoms we have as Americans, to pray again fervently for those who are lost in sin. Let us pray for our nation that the Lord will continue to bless His church to take the Word to all the world.

It was on July 1, 1985, that I began full-time work with the Manassas, Virginia church of Christ. Thirty-four years under the Manassas Eldership has been a continuous joy. I cannot imagine working under a more loving and Godlier Eldership. What a wonderful journey it has been going about the vast brotherhood-and meeting brothers and sisters whose hearts and souls beat as one to reach every lost soul of the world. Words cannot describe the joy of being co-workers with you. Especially you who have responded to helping us in the India mission. It has been costly and you have risen to the challenge because one soul is worth more than all the world. A short list of what has been purchased with your gifts would see hundreds of preachers and their families supported, life-saving benevolence performed often, church buildings constructed, schools of preaching by the hundreds in operation, song books in native languages edited and printed and hundreds of thousands of Bibles purchased and distributed where formerly few or no Bibles could be found in thousands of villages throughout the land of idols. Bicycles by the thousands have been given to our preachers to enable them to multiply their ministries to peoples they would never have met if they could only walk to get to them. The list goes on. Your generosity has made this possible.

The July 3rd India Campaign Report (compiled by Ron Clayton and his office staffs in Bangalore and Hyderabad) presented the following results for the first half of 2019:

Average Number of Meetings per day: 1,598, for six months: 293,993.

Average Number Baptized per day: 2,722, for six months: 500,856.

Average Number Baptized per meeting for six months: 1.7,.

Many meetings have no one baptized, while other meetings will see 1, 2, or 3, rarely more than 7 or 8. It takes a lot of hard work by many people to bring one soul to Christ.

Baptisms from January 1, 2019 to July 3, 2019: 500,856.

TO GOD BE ALL THE THANKS AND GLORY!

The Monsoon Season is in progress in India. Rains have brought needed relief from the sweltering heat of April through June. Hyderabad had a record heat day in mid-June of 120.2 degrees. When the rains finally reached Pamidipadu in the southeast, brother P. Mark wrote, "Brother, it was such a relief to have the temperature drop twenty degrees in only one day. 100 degrees feels pretty good!"

Your prayers and generous gifts are needed as the Bullards begin to plan for their October mission. This will cost an estimated \$50,000 dollars. We have on hand \$25,000. The half-way point is the most difficult in any effort. We need your help and encouragement. Please give as much as you can. Souls literally depend on every gift. "The Gospel is free," someone has noted though, "you have to pay the piper." Thanks for what you do.

According to our records your latest gift was received on July 1st. your funds have been designated as follows: P. Daniel, P. Joseph, P. Mark, P. John, P. Philips (gift of benevolence for his widow) and Pamidpadu School of Preaching.

July is also noted for the birthday of Jerris Bullard, born on July 12, 1944 in Snyder, Texas. That makes him 75 years old. Sister Juanita is 76. She raised him up "real good!" Congratulations to brother Jerris!

We assure you that your gift will be used in the direct preaching of the Gospel and as necessary to help in benevolent situations. Thank you for all that you do.

Grace and Peace,

Jerris N. Bullard, Missionary

Stephen J. Bitgood, India Treasurer

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