



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,

We are all surprised to find that another year has gone by so quickly. Brother and sister Bullard send their best wishes to you for a happy and memorable year of service to the Lord. So long to 2018 and welcome to 2019. 2018 was a very productive year in the India work. We completed construction on five major church buildings with class room facilities and a guest room for visiting preachers for Gospel Meetings, and special classes such as a study on the qualifications of Elders or for area wide monthly preacher's meetings. One new dormitory was added to our school of the Bible at Pamidipadu with room for 15 students. Benevolence has been extended especially to sisters in Christ whose preacher husbands have died, and there were about 20 such situations. There are always medical needs among our poor brethren which we have either completely paid for or in most cases we help pay about one-half of the bill. Clothing and food have been given throughout the year. Bicycles, Bibles, and song books are also given to preachers and others in need of these basic necessities every month.

Mission work is costly. There is the need to support "key men" to lead in getting all the Bible studies arranged and seeing that teachers are present at appointed times-this takes a lot of work and organization to conduct over 500,000 one-day Gospel Meetings. We have to provide travel funds, meals and often hotel rooms (\$5-\$9 per night for one man), and other associated funds such as tent rental (essential because in many places there is no church building or even a large hall which we might rent for our meetings which often have 200 or more in attendance).

All of this effort on the part of thousands of Indian brothers and sisters to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to do the necessary follow-up work to help new members remain faithful is wonderful. Your generous gifts to help us every month are the fuel for the engines. Thank you so much for what you have done and enabled us to do in cooperation with thousands of Indian brothers and sisters to reach out to their lost families and friends. They are truly a light to the dark idolatrous nation of India which is turning to the Lord.

This can be seen and experienced daily in India.

For the third year in a row we have experienced baptizing over one million souls. This is God's work, His Holy Spirit's inspired word is preached and taught daily and God gives the increase. To Him we give all the glory now and forever more! As of the end of November 2018 there had been 1,008,203 souls baptized-added to the church by the Lord. We are waiting anxiously while our office staff in Hyderabad continues their careful recordings and cross-checking of all the reports our brethren provide concerning all their meetings. Over a period of five years we are able to say that at least 75% of these will remain faithful. Religion and faith and obedience to God are serious matters to the Indian people. Their daily bread is their total walk with God.

As we have now entered the new year, the needs for the work are similar and basic in many cases. We must publish 20,000 new song books (most of the songs have been written by our Indian brethren) in local languages to at least furnish some of the new brethren with a written hymnal. The cost per book is \$1.25 but will be going up to at least \$1.75 very soon. We have on hand for this \$18,500, but need \$6,500 more urgently. Imagine trying to worship without a song book! Bibles in the native languages printed by the Indian Bible Society are between \$3 and \$5 depending on the quality. Please think about sending a special gift to purchase 500 Bibles for people who have never owned a copy of the Word of God. Your gift may well help them learn the Gospel and lead to their obedience of faith and being added to the Kingdom of God in the waters of baptism.

The Bullards send their greetings to all our supporters. They are working hard to raise funds, telling the story of the opportunities God provided us in our time, in our generation to reach another million souls in 2019. They plan to return to India sometime in October. We will keep you posted on their activities as they prepare for their next journey to India.

Thank you so much for your generous gift. It was deposited on January 7, 2019. This money is designated as follows: P. Daniel, P. Joseph, P. Mark, P. Philips, P. John and the Pamidipadu School of Preaching.

Sincerely in Christ,

Stephen J. Bitgood

Jerris N. Bullard, Missionary

Grace and Peace,

Jerris Bullard, Missionary