



COME OVER AND HELP US ...

"Turn from dead idols to serve the living and true God. "

Acts 16:9

I Thessalonians 1:9.

May 31, 2020

Red Hill Church of Christ
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Dear Brethren,

November is known for Thanksgiving. We are always thankful for you and all our supporters in the India Mission work. It is difficult to obtain the news from our brethren in India these days as most of the brethren live in areas that have limited movement. India is beginning to unlock and most buses and trains are running. However, like here in the USA, there are sporadic areas which are raging with the Covid Virus. In many places people are only allowed to leave their houses for shopping for about two and a half hours early in the morning, from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m., and again in the afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The rest of the time they are to stay at home.

They have limitations on group meetings with most of the brethren being able to have church services for only 5 to 10 people, depending on their house size. There are thousands of "house-churches." Where they have a church building they may have "crowds" of 35 to 50, according to strict space availability. In all this the brethren are remaining faithful, worshipping God, teaching the lost by cell phone and by live streaming their worship in many places. It is remarkable to note that we have received pictures of over 100 individuals who have been baptized in the past month. To God we give all the glory.

It is also sad for us to bring you up to date concerning brethren who have lost their lives due to the virus. We know that at least 100 brethren have died from Covid19. 34 of these were preachers. In the past two weeks we have seen the loss of brother Prasada Rao, who lived in Ramachandra Puram, East Godavari District and brother Ch. David Raj from Damireddy Pally near Kadiyam, also East Godavari district in the state of Andra Pradesh. Juanita and I have known and worked with all these who have passed away, many since 1978, nearly 43 years.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our departed brethren. They have certainly laid up their treasures in heaven. Many souls for Christ have been won over 42 years of partnership reaching the lost in that charming, but idolatrous, land called India. There are now far more Indians who are members of the Lord's church than we have members in the US.

Your gifts have made all that possible. In October your generosity and compassion enabled us to send over \$4,000 dollars to India for benevolent purposes. A portion of this was used for life saving

surgery while most of it was used to purchase food for destitute brethren and their nearby neighbors. Additionally, we sent quarterly salaries totaling \$9,515.00 dollars to our 34 supported preachers for the last quarter of the year. Those who are supported greatly assist organizing our campaigns and seeing after our five schools of preaching. Most of our 57,000 preachers are self-supported.

Several parts of India were hit with heavy rains during September and October. The middle third of the entire country - from the West Mumbai (Bombay) all the way across the sub-continent to Vijayawada - was inundated. Hyderabad, a city of about seven million people suffered an estimated \$681 million of damage.

In Hyderabad, two of our church buildings were flooded with heavy destruction of their walls and subsequent damage from mold. We have requests for help for four other church buildings. Two of which were damaged by the monsoon rains in September. The total need for repairing these four buildings is \$16,000 dollars. There is no end to the help all of our brethren need.

Additionally we have requests for assistance for the preacher's widows. The brethren in India have asked for one-time help of at least \$250.00 dollars for each of the 34 widows.

It is a real disaster for everyone. Of course, this is all beyond our budget but if funds can be found we will forward the amount as quickly as possible. It is time to pray for a suffering people who suffer greatly yet again.

According to our records, we received gifts from you on 10/5/2020 and 11/2/2020 designated as follows:

P. Daniel

P. Joseph

P. Mark

P. John

P. Philips

Pamidipadu School of Preaching

Thank you again for your support. We hope you have a great Thanksgiving Day.

Grace and Peace,

Sincerely in Christ,

Jerris N. Bullard, Missionary

Sam McLarty, India Fund Treasurer

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