



COME OVER AND HELP US ...

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

December 10, 2018

Red Hill Church of Christ
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Dear Brethren,

Seasons Greetings to you and yours. God's greatest gift to us was Jesus Christ who is the Savior! We are so blessed with every good gift from above.

This has been a banner year for the Lord's work in India. We have experienced by the grace of God 965,266 baptisms as of November 13th. It looks like we will have more than one million souls baptized this year. If so, it will be the third year in a row that the Lord has blessed us with a million plus souls added to the church in India. We praise God.

Every day we are experiencing an average of 3,045 people being baptized. We are pleased to share with you that we now have over 50,000 trained native Indian preachers. This is important because not only is there an active, ongoing evangelistic ministry, we are constantly urging all the brethren to do the necessary follow-up work. Most of our American missionaries who are full-time in the work were full-time preachers for 20 or more years before they entered the India work. (Brother Jerris Bullard served over 22 years locally before becoming full-time in the India work.) The experience of these brethren was that they were able to teach and baptize people, but the follow-up work was not as effective as their evangelism so many of those baptized did not continue to be faithful. Our missionaries have worked hard to correct that part of their ministry, and now constantly emphasize follow-up. The result has been impressive since over 41 years of India mission work (by Jerris and Juanita Bullard and some 8-10 others who work with them full-time) show that we have kept 75% percent of those taught and baptized. We give thanks to God and praise Him for this result.

This year has also seen three new church buildings constructed. One new dormitory at the school of preaching in Pamidipadu (southeast India) will be completed on December 8th. We are in need of gifts to furnish this new building which will serve 15 students. Among the needs: bunk beds, mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows, two long reading tables in the library for study purposes, 15 chairs, a dining table, kitchen needs (plates, bowls, cooking

utensils) and two hot water tanks for the building. The total for all these needed items will be about \$3,452.

We have the need to construct two new buildings in 2019. The estimated cost for these is: \$35,000 for a village building which will have four small rooms for the preacher's residence; and, the other is in a large city, Vijawada, will cost about \$65,000 and also include several rooms for the preacher's residence plus a guest room for foreign missionaries so that we no longer have to pay hotel bills in that place. We hope to open two new schools of preaching during 2019, each at a cost of about \$1,200 per month. Funds are needed for these matters.

Mission work is costly. However, over our 41 years of service we have experienced that God provides for all the things which are essential and are to be used for His glory. Thank you for all the work you have enabled us to do through your love and generosity. May God bless your holiday season, and the India work in 2019.

Thank you so much for your generous gift. It was deposited on December 3, 2018. 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

P.S. We have an urgent need to raise \$40,000 to print songbooks (this will be our third printing) in the native Telegu language. As you may recall we spent five years editing our book. It has been received very warmly and is in great demand even among the denominations. There is a Preface written by Jerris concerning scriptural worship in song and praise to God. This has been very helpful in our evangelistic efforts. One hardback, maroon colored book with about 500 songs costs \$1.25. Please help as much as possible.

Grace and Peace,

Jerris Bullard, Missionary