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"...how you turned from
idols to serve the living
and true God."

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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Not Quite on Schedule

You may notice that this month's newsletter is about a week later than usual. (At least I hope you notice!)

I've delayed sending this because of problems with the mail. Over the last several weeks I've had quite a few letters and packages delayed. Several were thought to be lost, although they were "miraculously" found after all.

So, rather than taking a chance on losing these newsletters, I thought I'd give the post office time to clear their backlog.

An Unusual January

In addition to the goings on with Covid that seem to make everything harder to do, this January is very unusual for our India work.

Since January of 2008 I've traveled to India every year at this time. Of course, I've gone many other times too, but I've always begun a trip in January.

And, as much as I miss being able to fellowship, teach, encourage, plan and otherwise push forward the work in person, I'm proud to admit that the brethren in India are carrying on nicely in my absence!

Of course, they absolutely need your support, but they don't always need my presence. And this is exactly the way that it should be with any mission.

The goal with which bro. Crutchfield began our work has always been two-fold:

- Teach those who will teach others: ...commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others." (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Relieve orphans fatherless and widows: ... to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. (James 1:27)

Of course, the Paul's whole mission strategy was based on these two tasks. So is ours. And it's success is showing itself in that our work is actually opening doors rather than slowing down!

Truly India is the most open field for evangelism in our world today!

Why Is India So Open?

Sometimes it's hard to wrap our minds around the fact that so many in our nation are turning their backs on God while so many in India are clamoring for the truth to be told to them.

Of course, when I visit with you I can explain this more fully, but here are two facts that help explain India's general receptivity to the gospel.

- The education system in India is not ashamed of spirituality or religion, whereas in the U.S. our educators

from kindergarten through college actively discourage religious thought. (Christian educators in the U.S. are having a harder and harder time fighting this, you know.)

- Young people in India are willing, even eager to question the traditions of idolatry in which they are raised. They are modern people.

The result of these two facts is that when a young person in India questions idol worship they begin looking for truth rather than being satisfied with mere secular nothingness.

Covid Update

Like many of you, Covid has hit my family, but by God's grace, not too hard. My son-in-law came down with it but not his family (which includes my daughter Rachel who helps me schedule my church visits with you). They're all well.

My mom (who lives with LaDonna and me) is scheduled for the vaccine. However neither LaDonna nor I qualify yet.

Please keep us in prayer! Help as you can! You are constantly in ours!



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