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

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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Meetings, Birthdays & Baptisms!

One of the greatest challenges of the last two years with the Covid disease (and the governmental responses around the world) is the task of communicating with any kind of regularity.

Over the years we've become used to receiving regular reports from preachers and congregations no matter how remote and primitive they were. These reports were always encouraging, as we could see the continuing interest in the gospel in Hindu India.

But as the ability to get these reports became more and more difficult, we became more and more frustrated. We talked to our Indian brethren regularly. We knew the work was going on, but we simply couldn't consistently get the reports that we had become used to.

Well, it seems as though at least some of these problems are less of a problem!

So, here is some information that I hope encourages you as much as it does me.

In the last four months (January through April, 2022) the preachers we support report holding 1,024 evangelistic meetings. These meetings (and their other efforts also) resulted in 371 precious individual souls being baptized into Christ!

Our hearts all rejoice at this great increase in the kingdom!

The reason that I mention "other efforts" is that evangelistic meetings are only part of the work that led to these baptisms. Often many days, months or even years of persuasion go into leading a person to Christ. This is true in the United States, but it's also true in India where the new converts are coming from such a very different religious background and perspective.

As an example: take birthday parties.

Indians celebrate the birthdays of their children with an intensity that would surprise many Americans. The entire neighborhood is invited to the child's home, and they're expected to attend. The children are given a wonderful time of play, but the parents of these children are expected to attend also. No one just sends their child to the party.

So far, this is only slightly different than some birthday parties in America. But here's where the difference comes in:

In India there is no distinction between the religious and the secular. There is no such thing as an event or gathering that is not overtly and obviously religious.

So, when Hindu Indians throw birthday parties, they have the Hindu priests there to do their part. Everyone who attends expects this to happen.

So when Christians in India have a birthday party, everyone who attends expects it to be sanctified by a gospel

message delivered by the gospel preacher. He may be local, or he may be invited from afar.

But all expect him to be there and all expect him to talk about the gospel.

Many, many seeds for the gospel in Hindu India are planted by our gospel preachers on occasions such as these. In America, birthday attendees would not expect, and might even be offended at such a gospel message.

But in India this gospel message is expected. As a result of this expectation, our brethren have reported preaching at 2,513 birthday and similar family celebrations!

No wonder the gospel is being spread!

Thank you so much for your support during these lean two years.

I'm anxious to visit with you in person and share an extended conversation about this great work.

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