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"...how you turned from idols to serve the living and true God."
(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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Dale's India Report

Dale Foster has just returned from India. Below is his exciting report! His commitment to the work is amazing.

After being unable to go to India for 2½ years due to the pandemic, I made my 46th trip July 5—August 1, 2022. On my two previous trips I was accompanied by my daughter, Melissa LeDoux. She was planning to go this time, but as we were beginning to plan the trip one of her best friends was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. So she decided she needed to stay home and help them. The ladies in India were disappointed she did not come.

Because of the anti-conversion law that David has told you about I did not preach in any gospel meetings. If the authorities caught us doing that, they would immediately kick us out of the country and cancel our visa so that we could not return. So we are concentrating on teaching the preachers in the South India Bible College classes. They are not as noticeable out preaching as we foreigners! I did preach at some local congregations, but no Hindus were present!

My first class was at Bangalore and was attended by 19 preachers. The class extended for two days on July 11 and 12. On the 13th we headed to Ooty which is normally a seven-hour drive. There was heavy rain and when we got within 25

of Ooty the road was blocked by a mud slide, and we had to turn around go another way. Going up the mountain there are 36 hairpin turns. We finally arrived at the hotel at 5:00 p.m. after nine hours. Our class there was attended by 35 preachers and was for two days. We returned to Bangalore on July 16.

On Sunday, the 17th I preached at one of the local churches after which we headed to Kurnool. Our class here was attended by 135 preachers. From here we headed to Kadapa on the 20th where 30 preachers attended the class. I came down with a bad sinus infection and couldn't continue the class, so Charles finished up. He took me to the hospital and my temperature was 102 degrees. The doctor gave me IV antibiotics and four prescriptions. Charles suggested perhaps we should cancel the rest of the trip and return to Bangalore, but I wanted to go on to Chennai and finish. 45 preachers attended the class on the 25th, and I taught from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30. Then I completely lost my voice. So Charles had to finish up once again.

We returned to Bangalore and my flight was scheduled for 3:05 a.m. on the 28th. I flew to Frankfurt, Germany where I stayed for three days. I preached for a local congregation and returned home on August 1st. Thank you all for your continued support of this great work.

--Dale Foster

Persecution

Most of you are aware that persecution against Christians is growing in India. *It's the government, not the people.* Of course, it's intent is to discourage us, and particularly to discourage Americans.

However, there are two things I want to suggest to you.

1. This persecution is truly a great sign that our work is increasingly effective.
2. So, don't allow Satan to discourage you in this great work!

You may recall that in the Bible persecution was always local and only for a short time. But as Christianity became increasingly successful at turning people from idolatry, the persecution became more intense, more widespread and more long-lasting; all of it coming from the Roman government (not the people).

Then, suddenly, a new Emperor arose, and he made Christianity official!

Now is the time to double down on our support for the work in India. They need us more than ever!

Please continue to pray for us and help us all you can!



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