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



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Hello! This is Robert Charnock

As you may know, my first trip to India was back at the beginning of this year. Now, I'm excited to say that I'm getting ready for my second trip. I greatly look forward to being able to work again with our brethren in India, especially with John Charles and his family.

We have several places to visit and a lot of teaching to do. With the Lord's strength and will, this trip will be very profitable in encouraging the Lord's church to grow in strength, size and maturity. In the meantime, we would like to ask you to pray for our efforts.

1. Pray for our safety, safety as we travel to India and back, and as we travel in India. Pray for our health that we may not be hindered in the work. The psalmist prayed, "Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust" (Psalm 16:1). Another psalm reads, "The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul" (Psalm 121:7). "Evil" does not always refer to something which is morally wrong, but also events which can cause harm and unhappiness. Pray that neither form of "evil" hinders our efforts as we travel to India.

2. Pray for wisdom. As you may know, preaching in India has become more precarious than it has been in the past with the Hindu government opposition toward Christian conversion. On the one hand, we need to preach Jesus with

"boldness" (Acts 4:29), and on the other hand, in order to continue in the work, we must be able to continue going over there. So, we don't want to call unnecessary attention from the Indian government to what we are doing. Jesus told His disciples to "beware of men," and so advised them to "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16-17). I believe it appropriate to pray for wisdom (James 1:5-6).

3. Pray for open doors (opportunities used to advance the gospel). This was the prayer request that Paul submitted to the church at Colosse: "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word" (Colossians 4:2-3). Interestingly, Paul was in prison when he wrote that. He knew that opportunities could open even with persecution. Pray for opportunities, especially as we seek to work around the new legislation against conversion. There may be doors to open that we never thought to look for on our own, but God is able to present those to us.

4. Pray that the Word will run freely, as Paul wrote, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified" (2 Thessalonians 3:1). "Run swiftly" means "to proceed quickly and without restraint." This applies to the individuals who hear, as

well as to the work as a whole.

Unfortunately, there are things that get in the way of one's reception of the gospel, and there are things that get in the way of a preacher continuing in the work of an evangelist. Pray that barriers will be dropped, or avoided, that we may be able to accomplish as much as possible while we are there.

The church prayed for Paul and Barnabas as they were sent from Antioch to continue their missionary journey (Acts 13:1-2). So, please be "praying always with all prayer and supplication...for all the saints—and for me...that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:18-19).

Thank you for your support and prayers in the India mission field!

Our departure is on Wednesday, September 14, and we return on Wednesday Oct 12. Because of this there will be no October newsletter.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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