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

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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## A Personal Note

Please accept my apology for this May, 2023 newsletter being a week late.

On Monday, May 1, when I had planned to begin working on this newsletter, my day began with a doctor's visit for a simple regularly scheduled screening.

Shortly after noon that day, the doctor called me and insisted that I get to the hospital immediately. He said they would begin preparation to insert a pacemaker into my chest and that it was urgent.

Well, this Thursday, May 11, and I'm at home recovering. I'm doing just fine. In fact, other than the wound in my shoulder where they placed the pacemaker, I feel better than I've felt in many months.

I have been experiencing unexplained tiredness and dizziness over the past several months. The doctor thought it was my blood pressure, but that turned out to be the nerves in my heart. So, I thank God for His blessing me in the timely discovery of my problem, and the most excellent solution He's granted me!

Although not many people knew of my situation last week, I wish to thank all those who knew and prayed for my health a hearty thank-you. And I would ask everyone who supports and prays for this mission to include my rapid and complete recovery. As the brothers in India often phrase it: "By the grace of God!"

## India Surpasses China

Although some of you might be aware, most people I talk to aren't: China has officially been surpassed as the world's most populated nation by India.

Both populations are at or above the 1.4 billion persons level. For several decades India's population has been growing far faster than China's. Some of the projections were for India to surpass China in 2035, or as late as 2050.

However, it turns out that China has been fudging their population numbers for quite a few years now. I suppose I shouldn't be surprised by what an authoritarian government would do, but I am glad that their reporting has now been recognized by world authorities.

Ever since Chairman Mao instituted his one-child-per-family policy (using forced abortion if necessary), China has been attempting to stop their population growth. Well, now they've succeeded.

In fact, they've succeeded to the point that they have reversed the one-child-per-family rule. However, it will take many years for this change to make a population difference.

### Why is this Important?

The fact that India's population is the largest and still growing has a powerful impact on our evangelism in India.

When a population is growing so rapidly by new births, the average age of that population becomes younger and younger. And the younger a population, the more open they are to hearing the message of Jesus to change their lives!

It's no coincidence that the countries where evangelism is hardest have the oldest average populations: Europe's average age is over 40, Japan's is over 48, China and the U.S. are both over 37.

Contrast this to the places where evangelism is the most fruitful: India's average is approximately 25, and so is the average age of many far eastern nations including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines.

This is what makes India so different than any other mission field on earth: the young people of India are seriously open to the life-changing message of Jesus and are seriously questioning Hindu idolatry. Also, there are literally hundreds of millions of such people.

So please know this—your prayers and your contributions are making a massive difference in this world of sin and darkness!



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