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



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## The Monsoon!

It's the beginning of the rainy season in India, also known as the monsoon. Monsoon refers to the winds that blow this time of year, signaling the beginning of the sailing season for wooden ships that the English, French, Dutch and Portuguese sent for the spices of India.

Between April and Sept., the winds blow from west to east. So the sailors came to India, but they could not return to Europe until the monsoon changed.

Since the monsoon winds are coming from across the Indian Ocean, they carry quite a lot of moisture which supplies almost all of India with its annual rainfall. And, of course, when the winds reverse, they blow off the land of India toward Africa, ending the rainy season.

## Do You Prefer the City? or The Countryside?

In the United States, it's clear that more people want to live in the urban areas where their neighbors are nearby, where shopping, work and entertainment are also close at hand. In the last census, the government revealed that 80% of Americans live in urban areas, while only 20% live rurally.

In some places, the preference for the city life is more pronounced than even that: California has 94.2% of its people

living in urban areas. How different is that from the southern states?

But in India, things are very different!

In India, 64% of Indians live in rural areas, while only 35% live in urban areas.

Of course, this 35% amounts to approximately 500 million people in India's cities. To put that in perspective, you might recall that in the last census there are only 332 million people in all of the U.S. and its territories.

So there are over 900 million Indians living in their rural farming communities. That's almost 3 times the number of people in the U.S. Amazing!

I hope this helps you to understand more clearly why we divide our time almost evenly between our work in India's cities—mostly Hyderabad, Chennai and Bangalore, and in its rural areas, primarily in the states of Telengana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

## Time To Reach Out Locally

Now that the Covid restrictions are largely a thing of the past, many congregations are returning to their normal services, classes and other events.

This is as it should be, and of course, it's important that our local outreach and evangelism be re-invigorated in the process. We need to maintain a balance

between focus on overseas mission work and local evangelism, without which our congregations will not long be able to sustain the great mission work where we experience so much success.

To that end, I'm holding gospel meetings (already 2 this year) that are specifically intended to encourage local churches to invite their friends and family. The series of lessons are centered on "Why I Believe." The series consists of 5 lessons:

- Why I Believe in God
- Why I Believe in the Bible
- Why I Believe in Jesus
- Why I Don't Believe in Islam
- Why I Don't Believe in Hinduism, Buddhism or the Eastern religions
- Why I Don't Believe in Christian Denominationalism

These presentations have been well received, and are designed to encourage your members to invite people who might be interested in these current topics. Let me know if you're interested in having this gospel meeting in your congregation!



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