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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 great trip To India!

I recently returned from a trip to India in November. I was able to visit and discuss the work and all of the areas where we have churches and preachers, engage in gospel work.

The optimism and enthusiasm they have is quite evident when you see them gathered in groups and have the time to discuss their works.

Of course, there are problems. In fact, one of the great reasons for bringing our workers together in the South India Bible College sessions each month is so that they can share their local challenges with others and get sound, scriptural advice.

It is so important to our work in India that our team members there work together as a team, rather than as single individuals unconnected with the larger body of Christ.

Both Dale and I have had some concerns with government pressure on churches to scale back on their evangelistic work. Yet it seems to me that the result of these pressures is not having the effect that the government wants.

It's rather like when the Jewish leaders opposed the preaching of the gospel. Gamaliel counseled them: "And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest

you even be found to fight against God." (Acts 5:38-39)

It's such an interesting phenomenon that when the government tells people that hearing the gospel is somehow anti-India, the people decide to hear it for themselves rather than blindly conforming to the government rhetoric!

Also, both Dale and I have been concerned with the scrutiny that the Indian immigration officials have been exercising over our visits to India. However, on his last visit Dale was not hassled in any way, and neither was I. The immigration officials asked our manager, John Charles, to inform them of our visits so they could interview us. Brother Charles did so inform them, but they declined to interview Dale and me.

So, please continue praying for this probe to be not harmful to our work.

There is one downside that I noticed in my visit: inflation. The cost of virtually everything we do in India is costing more than it had in the past.

Of course, when I remind you of this, it's important to remember that the gospel preachers whom we support, the widows and the orphans and the people who work with them are all among the poorest of the poor. So this time of inflation hits them much harder than it might most of us.

When we complain that the price of eggs or milk has doubled, we complain and buy it anyway. But when our Indian brethren find that these prices have doubled they have little choice but to buy less than they have normally bought.

So, as the new year rolls around, please pray and consider increasing your help for our work, both as a congregation, and as individuals.

Finally, let me thank you for your generous faithful support in both prayers and financial resources for this work. I pray regularly that no one forgets the unequaled value of this marvelous work!

I'm as strongly convinced as I have ever been that India is a matchless mission field for three reasons:

- The number of people to whom the gospel can be delivered is unmatched anywhere else in the world.
- The percentage of the population open to hearing the message of Jesus that requires them to change their lives is truly astounding.
- Few, if any, missions experience the tremendous retention of those who we are reaching with the gospel.



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