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



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Exciting New Possibilities

There seems to be a lot of excitement in our nation over the eclipse of the sun on April 8. As interesting as this is (and I am looking forward to seeing it), many more important and interesting things are happening in the Lord's work, especially in India.

In consultation with our office manager, John Charles, we're working toward extending our work to new places in India. Here is a brief description of some of these places and the advantage they offer to this great work to increase.

Three of these are in the state of Tamil Nadu, whose capitol is Chennai where we have quite a lot of work.

- The first of these is Vellor, the seat of the Vellor discrict. It is located on the bank of the Palar River, along with the ancient Vellor fort. The fort protects the even more ancient Hindu temple which is an important pilgrimage site for that area (if you want to try to pronounce the name of the temple, it's a mouthful— Jalakandeswarar). The city is home to 1,512,000, according to the 2011 census which is 13 years out of date. It is about half way between Chennai and Bangalore
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twister)! It is about 30 miles west of Vellor, but is on the opposite side of the Palar River, and is home to 125,000 souls.

• Erode: This city is about 160 miles due south from Bangalore, and is 90 miles east of Ooty. You may recognize Ooty as one of the places we have worked for a long time. It has a population of 2,250,000 in the 2011 census.

The fourth city where we are planning to plant our work is the city of Mysore in the state of Karnataka, home of one of the most fabulous palaces in all of India. This draws a large number of tourists from across India (and the world), as does it's mountain-top temple with an interesting name: *Koddi Narayanaswami*. It's population is 1,233,000, but is predicted to add another 500,000 souls in the next 10 years.

The last that I want to mention to you in this newsletter is about equidistant between Hyderabad (about 15 million) and Bangalore (about 13 million). It's name is **Gadwal** in the state of Telangana. It is about 30 miles northwest of Kurnool where we have been working diligently already. It's population is about 102,000, so is the smallest of the new places we are considering. The possibilities of these new works is deeply exciting to me, and I want to ask you to please pray specifically for these works as we expand. Truly, India is unique among the mission work of the Lord's church inasmuch as people are both numerous and open minded to the gospel.

So let me close this newsletter with a thank-you for your prayers and your financial support of these works. Your prayers are effective and your support is quite necessary!

Obviously, it is crucial that we are able to raise financial support to be able to expand the works to these areas. The speed with which we are able to do this does depend on your help.

As always, please get in touch with me so that I can report to you about these doors that the Lord is opening for us!

India is much like what Jesus told Paul about Corinth: he has much people there, so we need to stay and do the work! (Acts 18:9)

