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



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Please Continue to Pray!

Not many of us keep up with the political elections in countries other than the U.S.

But, whether you are aware or not, I believe the Lord is opening the door a bit wider in India.

For the last ten years the Indian government has been in the hands of radical Hindu politicians of a party known as BJP. Their prime minister, militantly anti-everything-not-Hindu, has been Narendra Modi who has done everything he could to suppress Christians and Christian works.

It is true that he is also actively anti-Muslim, anti-Sikh, anti-Jain, anti-Buddhist, but Christians are his primary target.

To help him with this, the entire legislature in India (to us, we would think of this as Congress with its House and its Senate) has been in the hands with a complete majority for the last ten years.

The result has been that whatever he wanted to pass in order to discourage Christians he was able to get done. He even controlled the judges on the Indian Supreme Court.

Well, Maybe Things are Changing!

In this most recent election, just this month, Modi's BJP party lost its majority hold on the Indian legislature. This means that Modi, in order to keep

hold of his Prime Minister position, will have to compromise with other political parties in India.

The primary benefit of this to our work is that the only real program of the BJP party is to purge India of non-Hindu elements and ideas.

The other parties in India, especially the ones with whom he will have to cooperate, do not have his Hindu only point of view.

Indian Government Propaganda

I think it's important to realize that the Indian government (like any government run more by bureaucrats and administration officials than by elected representatives) has a very strong interest in slanting all news and statistics in a way to support themselves.

One of the places where this propaganda is most obvious is in India's reporting of the number of Christians.

Many of you have asked me in my presentations how many Christians (in a generic way) are in India. And particularly some have asked me if the growing number of Christians will affect the elections in India

Well, let me suggest some interesting thoughts.

In 1951 the number of Christians that the Indian government reported to the world was 2.1% of the population.

However, the government is now reporting that in the most recent census the number of Christians is—wait for it—exactly 2.1% of the India population.

What are the odds that over the last seventy three years the exact percentage of Christians in India has not changed in the slightest?

I don't believe it. Not for a moment.

And these election results suggest that the propaganda is just that—twisted statistics in order to bolster a government by Hindus and for Hindus.

Truly, I think that the Lord is working to curb the anti-Christian bias of the Indian government. I pray that this is so!

I don't know that the government will ever become favorable to Christians, but then I suppose the Christians living at about A.D. 300 couldn't imagine that pagan Rome would legalize and then embrace Christianity in fewer than 25 years under emperor Constantine.

Please continue your prayers on behalf of this great work, and continue your contributions!



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