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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 New Area

I mentioned some time back that we'll be exploring expanding our work in new places. Today, let me tell you about Solapur, India.

Solapur is in the state of Maharashtra. It is about 190 miles west of Hyderabad, and about 250 miles southeast of Mumbai, very close to the border with the state of Karnataka.

Solapur is the 43rd largest urban area in India and is a trading and transportation center to and from Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Pune.

As with all places in India, its population is growing, since it is a manufacturing hub. In fact it has the largest spinning fabric spinning mill in all of Asia, shipping its thread and cloth worldwide.

There are three languages spoken in Solapur: Kannada, Telugu and Marathi. Our workers will be mainly working with the Kannada and Telugu speakers.

Solapur is a place that sorely needs evangelization. It is 75% Hindu, 20% Muslim with a Christian population, according to the government, of only 0.73%. If you compare this to many of the cities in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, this is very low. In those places Christians are often 20% of the population.

All this in a population of 1,250,000 souls! But of course, there's no place in India that I know of (with the exception

of some small villages) where Christians are not a minority.

Yet in this heavily religious nation this reminds me of Colonel Chesty Puller's statement during a battle in the Korean war: *"We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That simplifies the problem."*

So please pray for this new work, that it may reach it's full potential to bring open minded and open hearted people to Jesus! This is so much like the places in Greece and Rome where Paul took the gospel!

And, of course, if you can, please help us to underwrite the expenses of this new work.

## On a Personal Note

I've told some of you to whom I've reported in recent months, but I wanted to hold off announcing this until our move was basically complete.

I will be doing the India mission work just as I have for the past several years, but I'll be doing it from a new location: Jonesboro, Arkansas

LaDonna and I will be living at 5017 Eden Cove, Jonesboro, AR 72405 beginning in July, and we're selling our house in Tipton County, Tennessee (do you know anyone interested in buying a house in that area?)

The reason we're moving is that our daughter, Rachel Dickey, her husband Cameron and their four children are now living there. I'm sure you understand!

Rachel, as many of you know, is very helpful to me in my work. This will put us in a position for my wife LaDonna to babysit the kids while Rachel is doing her work for the mission field!

In fact, it's almost hard for me to believe the door that the Lord has opened for us. We've been contemplating this move for about a year, but I was slow to make the decision. Then all of a sudden the house exactly next door to Rachel and Cameron became available as it's owner decided to move to work in another state. Once this opportunity opened, I knew that it would be to either do it now or lose the opportunity!

So, please pray for me and our family in this process. I don't anticipate any problems or any break in my daily work. If you wish to get in touch with me, my same email ([David@IndiaMissions.net](mailto:David@IndiaMissions.net)) and phone will reach me (901.647.0488)



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