India Evangelism Newsletter June & July 2022

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1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

"They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."

Leaving For India This Month

Lord willing, I will be leaving for my annual missionary journey to India on June 20th. Because of the Covid Pandemic, it has been two years since I was able to make the trip, but finally the Indian government is allowing travelers to enter their country again. As always, this trip will be about visually verifying the proper use of all funds donated by our generous contributors to the work. I will also be holding our native missionaries accountable for the work that they have been reporting to us since my last visit. I will be inspecting our orphanage, the care our sixty-five true orphans are receiving and reviewing the records of how the funds that we are sending each month are being used. I will be speaking numerous times in a three-day lectureship, teaching for three days in our preacher training school, participating in the graduation of 15 of our preacher training school students, and I am scheduled to preach a one-service Gospel meeting at twenty-four different congregations in three states. With money you have contributed, I will purchase four motorcycles for our native missionaries, fifteen bicycles for the preacher training school graduates, one thousand Telegu or Tamil Bibles, one thousand Telegu song books, and purchase a change of clothing for all widows and widowers in some village congregation of the church. I am supposed to return on July 13th. I covet your prayers for my safety while I'm in India. I will be doing a lot of travelling on dangerous highways and there are many other health hazards I am praying to avoid while there. I will turn 74 years old while I'm in India. I was 36 when I started working in India and I have made many, many trips since then but it's harder on an old guy than it was when I was in my prime. I want to say to all the contributing congregations and individuals that you will be there with me in this great work. God is being glorified because of your generous and sacrificial giving to this mission program. Nothing that is being accomplished by our ministry would be possible if it were not for you.

225 Baptized Into Christ

We require monthly field reports from each of our 30 native missionaries. There is a lag time of one or two months before we receive the monthly reports. Twenty-eight of the March field reports have been received and <u>225</u> baptisms were reported for that month.

Short Excerpts From The Latest Field Reports

<u>U. Israel</u> – "I am very happy to inform to you that 38 were baptized into the Lord Jesus in this month of March 2022, I have preached the word of God in 7 Gospel meetings and Bible study classes some different places 1. Ravuapalem 2. Martur 3. Kandukuru 4. Ch. Peta 5. Chirala Places. Our HAAS Preacher Training School classes going on well. All 20 students and all instructors attend."

<u>U. Ashok Kumar</u> – "I am glad to inform you about having a lot of Gospel meetings in this month of March. I did good work in Andhra Pradesh and Telanga States. 48 persons were baptized into name of Jesus Christ. All Gospel meetings by the help of former Preacher Training School student. These places were 1. Janikipram 2. Tiruvur 3. Commam 4. Donakonda 5. Madhilipalem. Please keep in your prayers for new souls. Our orphan home kids are fine and all kids growing well. They are learning word of God and getting good knowledge in their education. I and Sumalatha care for our kids. Please pray for kids."

- **<u>P. Vijay Kumar</u>** "By the grace of God, we are doing well in the Lord. Three families accepted the truth and getting ready to take the baptism in this month. Lord willing we highly expecting your visit to India and strengthen our fellow churches."
- <u>S. Prabhakar</u> "In Kakinada Church of Christ as usual we followed our weekly programs like midweek Bible study class, women Bible study class on Fridays. We conducted street Gospel meetings and thanksgiving meetings. On March 26th evening we conducted a thanksgiving meeting in Bapujinagar. I took the part of Romans 8:28 and in my sermon. I concluded with the Gospel invitation. In the month of 21st to 23rd of March 2022 I was in Prakasam district. There I conducted one day Bible class for the preachers on the 22nd full day. On that day 35 preachers attended, among them some denominational people also there. And also as usual I conducted one night Gospel meetings in Chintalapalem Church of Christ in Prakasam district."
- <u>N.B. Prakash</u> "I am glad to inform you that 8 persons accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and took baptism, please pray for them. I am studying the Bible with a family. Now I am teaching about "BAPTISM" (Mk.16:16). Sir, I am very sorry to inform you that my elder sister slept in the Lord on March 19, 2022. Her husband passed away on July 22nd 2021. They have only son please pray for him."
- <u>P. Samuel Raju</u> "I am preaching the Gospel each and every moment that I can and spending most all my time in the day on preach the word of God. Here in this month we have conducted seven cottage meetings. People they gather much in numbers and people are receiving the word of God very happily and more frequently they are inviting me to hear the word of God. Many people obeying regularly to the Gospel. In this month two baptisms are given and added to the church."
- <u>A. Prabhudas</u> "For your kind information, the church program is going on regularly worship, Bible classes, prayer meetings, house visitings and hospital visitings. By the grace of God the Lord's ministry being preformed Bible study, hospital visitings are in good manner."
- <u>Y. Java Rao</u> "I greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Last month the works of Kasthurbai Colony, Bheema Rao Nagar, Pattabiram, Rettery, Lakshmipur and regular works of Leper Colony are going well by grace of God."
- <u>K. Hanumantha Rao</u> "In this month we conducted many occasional prayer meetings and special Gospel prayer meetings. Five members obey the Gospel and baptized into Christ. The members of my two congregations are very happy and growing spiritually and numerically. They always pray for you and mom Arlene Summers and your journey to INDIA."
- <u>G. Joshua</u> "Now we are gathering very narrow place. Devotees are facing much problems to sit in this place. So kindly pray for the church building and take necessary steps in this year. We are all praying every day for you and your family and congregation. We are all decided to get a land for construct church building. So please kindly pray for the church building."
- <u>K. Abel</u> "On 31-03-2022 First Anniversary of Special Gospel meeting held at Inimerla SC Colony Church of Christ. Brother U. Ashok Kumar conducted the meeting and gave us good message. Three persons obeyed Gospel and baptized in the name of Christ."
- <u>M. Ananda Rao</u> "By the wonderful grace of God and your faithful encouragement the Gospel work is going on very well. All the activities go on very decent and in order for the glory of God. Praying with hope to bring some souls into Christ in the new villages where

- I preach and teach since some months without fail. I have taken a house to gather for prayer meetings at the new village. I also visited another new village that is full of idolaters and have taken a land lease to lay a shelter to gather for prayer meetings. Please keep in your prayers. Please pray for the remaining work of the church building at Ponnavaram. Kindly pray for repaying money eventually that I have taken to buy land and building construction and paying every month as interest."
- <u>M. David</u> "This month we conduct four thanksgiving prayer meetings at our congregation members houses. Many people gather and 3 were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. I am very happy inform to you that about I conduct three Gospel meetings at Poithavaram, Reddypalem, Dronadala. 11 were obeyed word of truth and baptized in name of Jesus Christ."
- <u>S. Samuel</u> "Our congregation activities going on well. I am working in three places 1. Keswarapadu 2.Swarna 3. Yerramvarypalem. In three places saints are very well. All members good encouragement for me in Lord's work. Yerramvarypalem congregation need church building. Please pray and help church building. I am happy to inform you about 12 baptisms in this month at four different places obeyed word of truth. Convey my heartful greetings to sister Arlene."
- <u>D. Yohan</u> "This month near by Pedda Aaraveedu Mandal Badveedu Village which is 13KM from my village a Gospel meeting was successfully held on 16th of March. It was held at day from 12PM to 2PM in the afternoon. So many peoples attend. 2 members accepted Jesus Christ and took baptism in the Gospel meeting. Please pray for them who get baptism."
- <u>P. Rathna Raju</u> "In this month of March we conducted four thanksgiving prayers in our congregation members houses. Much people attend the prayers, and four were baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. I am preached the word of God in two Gospel meetings at Santharavuru village, Chinthagumppalli village. So many people attend and 8 were baptized in the Lord Jesus Christ."
- **P. Rajeswara Rao** "In this month I preached word of the Lord one Gospel meeting at Edumudi. Many people gathered for meeting. 3 were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." **T. Ananda Rao** "In this month of March. I conduct three Gospel meetings different places. I preached word of God. Many people gather and 8 were obeyed the word of truth and were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Our congregation activities doing well. All saints good encouragement for the Lord's work."
- <u>Y. Mojus</u> "We are all very well by the grace of God and your kindly prayers. Our congregation activities doing well. The Lord's worship service, children's Bible classes and mid week Bible study classes and house visits."
- <u>M. Raju</u> "This month I preached word of God four Gospel meetings. One person obeyed word of truth after meetings were baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. I request you pray for their spiritual lives. My children Sneha and Rakesh they are studying for higher education so pray for them and we need two wheeler for God's works so pray for that."
- <u>Ch. Pedda Yallamandaiah</u> "In this month of March I conducted three thanksgiving prayer meetings in our congregation. Many people gather in meetings. 3 were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."
- **G.** Vijaya Kumar "We are very anxious to see you and awaiting for your visit so that in your presence on your hands new church building will be opened. The remaining work is

plastering. Door, windows. Local congregation came forward to effort for electrical and painting work so please pray for all these plans and needs.'

<u>M. Ankiah</u> – "In this month we have conducted Gospel meetings, the cottage prayer, Bible class, memorial meeting, birthday celebration, every meeting many sisters and brothers gathering in these meetings. We conducted special Gospel meeting 10th March 2022 at Gundayapalem. In this meeting I preach their meeting and at that time 11 persons were believed to the Gospel and baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. We conduct special Gospel meeting on 17th of March 2022 at Throvagunta. In this meeting I preached in this meeting and 11 persons were believe to the Gospel and baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."

<u>Ch. Caleb</u> – "I have received your kindly financial support through brother Ashok Kumar. Thank you so much for your lovely help. Our orphan kids all are very fine. All kids prepare for their examination. Please pray for kids health and education. Convey my heartful greetings to sister Arlene."

<u>S. Rama Kirishna Rao</u> – "In month March I able to give 15 baptisms in my working area. Please pray for them to live good Christian life. In this pandemic situations everyone praying to God for to live peacefully and protecting by His grace."

<u>U. Mariya Dass</u> – "Our congregation activities going on well. The Lord's worship service, Children's Bible class and Bible study class, women's Bible study, house visits. In this month we conduct four thanksgiving prayer meetings in our congregation members houses, Many people attend and five were baptism in the name of our Lord. I am very happy to inform you that seven were baptized at two Gospel meetings 1. Kolalapudi 2 Bollapalli Villages. I am preached three. Please pray new souls."

<u>T. Raghu Babu</u> – "Our congregation activities going on well. Lord's worship service, children's Bible class and Bible study class and house visit. In this month I conduct two Gospel meetings at new places. I am preached word of truth and six were obeyed word of God and baptized in name of the Lord."

<u>B. Singaiah</u> – "I have preached word of God on Gospel meeting at Sudhivarypalem and 5 were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."

Frequency Of This Newsletter

We want to keep all of our contributors and potential contributors aware of how this very productive work in India is progressing. All thirty of our native missionaries are required to send us field reports each month. They inform us about how their local work is going, the Gospel meetings that they are preaching, how many baptisms they have given that month and any other information that they feel should be passed on about their work. We also receive monthly reports about our orphanage at Rachaputi, the preacher training school at Inkollu, the leper colony work at Patabiram and other pertinent information about the ministries that you are supporting. Brother U. Israel of Inkollu is the native director of our work and his son U. Ashok Kumar is our Telegu to English translator. They gather the reports each month and then email them all at once to me. I am then able to include short excerpts from each report in the newsletter exactly as I have received them. I do not attempt to edit the excerpts and that's why they may be a little difficult to read sometimes. I think that you will get a better feel for how the work is really

going by reading the broken English of these extremely effective evangelists that you are helping to support. I don't put the newsletter together and send it out until after I have received the latest field reports. They are not always sent to me at the same time of the month and that is why you do not always receive your newsletter on the same day of the month.

Budget For Our Ministry

Providing a stipend to 30 native missionaries, teachers in the preacher training school salaries, administrator of orphanage salary, native director's salary, etc. - \$3750 each month

Providing care for 65 true orphans at our Orphan Home in Rachaputi - \$2000 each month Tuition for deaf orphan girl at special school - \$50 each month

Benevolent help at a leper colony near Chennai - \$300 each month

Preacher Training School expenses - \$300 each month

Fee for wiring money to India - \$60 each month

Fee for receiving money wired to India - \$50 each month

Four thousand Telegu or Tamil Bibles for new converts - \$12,800 per year

Four thousand song books for new converts - \$4120 per year

One motorcycle for a preacher each year - \$1200 per year

Twenty bicycles for preaching school graduates - \$2000 every two years

Change of clothing for all widows and widowers in a different congregation each year - \$400 per year

Help build one church building - \$10,000 each year

Help build one prayer shed (smaller church building) - \$6000 each year

Emergency medical expenses and medicines - \$2000 per year

Expenses for Harry Summers' annual trip to India (White Hall church of Christ pays these expenses in odd number years) - \$5000 each even numbered year

Contributing To This Work

If you wish to contribute to this India work please make all checks payable to <u>WHITE HALL CHURCH OF CHRIST</u> and write <u>INDIA MISSIONS</u> on the memo line. You may send monthly or onetime contributions to the White Hall Church of Christ or to Harry Summers. Both mailing addresses are on the front page of this Newsletter.

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