

lowing chapters in the book tell how he faced ridicule and threats of death from enemies, yet he accomplished the enormous task of rebuilding the massive walls of earthly Jerusalem.

To accomplish this Nehemiah did not receive miracles, wonders or signs, nor did he have a prophet or a vision saying that he should build Jerusalem's walls; but he did have three great assets, 1) His faith, 2) Prayer and 3) A determined spirit to work. He walked by faith, even as we do, as it is written, "*we walk by faith, not by sight*" (2 Cor. 5:7).

Therefore let us 1) manifest our faith, 2) be zealous in prayer and fasting for this campaign and 3) go to work carrying out our Lord's great commission (Matt. 28:18-20).

Concerning fasting there is no command that we do such, but Jesus expected that at times of great need we would, as He said,

"Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Matt. 6:16-18).

He left the question of fasting to our judgment, in order that it might be free will. Therefore let me urge you to pray fervently and as you will fast for a great harvest of souls in our upcoming campaign. God willing I will be in Tamil Nadu just five days from now (15 April). In order that we might at the same time pray and fast I plan to eat my breakfast on the morning of the 21st (Thursday); the day before the campaign begins and drink only water until the morning of the 22nd.

In Christian love,

Jim E. Waldron

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There is an urgency to carry out the great commission (Matt. 28:18-20) and there are few, if any, places on earth where that command may be carried out more effectively than India. It is about one fourth the size of the United States, with a population of 1.21 billion (www.censusindia.gov.in/2011-prov-results/prov_results_index.html), which is 3.5 times that of the United States (312,000,000). The government is a parliamentary democ-

racy patterned after that of the United Kingdom (England). The name of the country is the Republic of India and it is the largest democracy in the world. There are 28 states and 7 federal territories. We thank God that at this time in its history we may go there and preach with very few restrictions. Yet, who knows when that freedom may be snatched from us, thus, as they say in the country, we must make hay while the sun shines. Your participation is appreciated from the very depths of our heart.

There are four of us, Don Iverson, Banner Elk, NC; Garry Jones, Clinton, TN; Scott Richards, Jonesboro, GA; and myself, who work together as a team who seek with great emphasis to obey the Spirit's command by the apostle Paul: ***“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”*** (2 Tim. 2:2). By the grace of God we have had in 2010-2011, been working with about eighty schools of preaching with an enrollment of more than six hundred fifty. Of these over half of them are evening schools located in villages where the churches meet every Lord's day to worship God.

Yet, the four of us, as a matter of speaking, are conduits or facilitators of this work; for there are two other groups, without whom a work of this magnitude would be absolutely impossi-

ble. I am referring to you as senders (Rom. 10:15) and the native Indian Christians, who serve as principals and teachers in the schools. The fact of the matter is that the four of us are servants of the churches and of the schools for most of the instruction, with the exception of one place, is carried on by native gospel preachers, previously trained in our full time schools.

Tomorrow afternoon (13th) about 1:30 I will leave Knoxville to return to India. On Friday the 15th I will attend the first of four graduations in Tamil Nadu scheduled for the last two weeks of April, then I will go about 1,800 miles north to teach a month in the Northeast Bible Institute in Guwahati, Assam, before returning to the States on 31 May.

Speaking of the schools the vast majority of them are located in Tamil Nadu, which is a state the size of Georgia, having a population of 72,638,958. While there I will also interview new students for the 2011-2012 year. We are anticipating over one hundred fifty new students to enter all the schools in June. Sometimes it may seem we are training too many, but the truth of the matter is that we are not touching the hem of the garment when it comes to the number of soul winners needed just in one state that has over seventy million people in it; nor can one over estimate the poverty. See the illustration below,



A 2nd LETTER TO THE BICYCLE CAMPAIGNERS OF APRIL 22-24

Harriman, Tennessee, USA
April 11, 2011

To 1509 of my brothers in Tamil Nadu, South India

Dear brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord; it is my prayer to His Father and ours, that He will bless you and your family with health and your daily needs; but even more, that He will fill you with joy in serving Him through spreading the blessed gospel of His Son to your relatives, friends and neighbors.

We know there is no hope of eternal life, except through Jesus, as He said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6). We must do as the Spirit required, seek to save sinners, *“pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garments defiled by the flesh”* (Jude 23); for we know they are, as we were, when we walked *“in the vanity of our minds”* (Eph. 4:17), *“having no hope and without God in the world”* (Eph. 2:12).

At 2:40 this morning I woke and tried to go back to sleep, saying to myself, it is just too early to get up; but my spirit kept telling me, *“the campaign for Christ in Tamil Nadu is on the 22nd* (just ten days from today); thus I got up and began writing this letter to you, for I love you and want you to know of my concern for you and your loved ones. Not only so, but I pray this will be the most successful three days of gospel preaching that we have ever had in Tamil Nadu.

In thinking of these things my mind goes to the story on Nehemiah, who was told of the great distress his people were suffering in Jerusalem, because the walls of the city were broken down and the gates were burned (Neh. 1:1-3).

His reaction, *“So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven”* (Neh. 1:4). The fol-