

We would like to thank you brother Jim, and the Crossville congregation and others for without your prayers and support this could not happen. We really appreciate the kind support. May God the almighty bless you as you work for Him.

In His Army we March together, Joseph Khati,

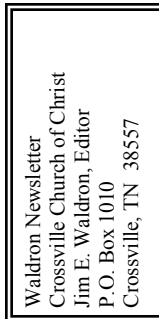
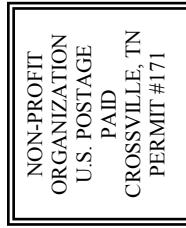
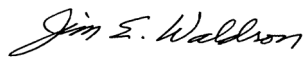
P.S. Joseph and Markus have planted eight congregations since the summer of 2009. The name "Lohar" identifies the segment of the tribe to which they belong. (JW).

ASSAM, NORTHEAST INDIA

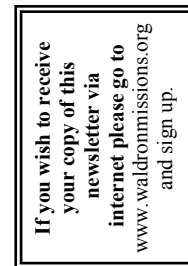
As the above letter illustrates the opportunities to spread the gospel continue to abound in the northeast of India. In March this year the Northeast Bible Institute (NBI) was relocated in the city of Guwahati, the capital of the state of Assam, which is the largest of the seven states in the region. For eight years the school met in the city of Shillong, Meghalaya, but the progress was very slow; our largest number of students never rose above thirty, but already we have forty-two in the new location. One reason for the increase is the influx of students from the Karbi Anlong (unlong) district in Assam. As I mentioned before, the Karbi people are a tribe that occupies a large section of this state; and many of them have shown a great interest in the gospel of the New Testament. In fact, for some time we have been able to preach in several churches called "Believer's Church" and some Baptist Churches. Three congregations have been planted since May first and are breaking bread each Lord's day.

May God bless you all,

In Christian love, Jim E. Waldron



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BAGDOGRA, IN UPPER WEST BENGAL

One of India's northeastern states, West Bengal, had a large portion of it cut out when East Pakistan was carved out at the time India and Pakistan received their independence from Great Britain in 1947. Subsequently (1971) East Pakistan claimed independence from Pakistan and became Bangladesh. Calcutta, the well known city which sits on the Bay of Bengal on India's eastern shore, is the capital of West Bengal, but due to the redrawing of national boundaries the most northern part of West Bengal sticks up like a lumpy flagpole along the western border of Bangladesh. One of the cities in this region of the state is Bagdogra.

In August of 2009, we sent two young men, Joseph Kathi and Markus Kisku, to that city to do the work of evangelists. In the two years since that time they have established four congregations. The report below from Joseph tells how the fourth one was begun at the beginning of this month.

BAGDOGRA, WEST BENGAL, NORTHEAST INDIA

July 8, 2011

Dear brother Jim, Warm greetings and hearty salutation from the core of my heart; I pray that this mail will find you

in sound health. The family and I are doing fine by the grace of the Almighty and your constant prayer.

In June I called on one of the local denominational preachers to have a debate and sent him three questions to discuss: 1) How can we know we are in the true church? 2) Should we use the Bible only in the work and worship of the church? 3) The New Testament Church VS the Free Will Baptist!

The debate took place on July 1st and it was conducted in the building of the Free Will Baptist Church in Ghospukur a nearby town. The Pastor for the church is Suren Sanyashi

Brother, I am pleased to tell you that we had called almost all the members of that church and also some of the villagers came. There was a good crowd for this area with approximately 45 present. At sharp 11 A.M we started the debate. The first thing the pastor (Suren Sanyashi) said was that he wanted to speak first to his congregation so I said, ok, go ahead and talk to them.

Then turn by turn we each took 30 minutes to speak and in this way the debate went on. He at times became very aggressive and even said, "don't open your Bible; we all know the Bible so please don't try to teach us. It's been 30 years that I have the Bible with me and I have recited half of the book of Psalms. So let's not preach about church, but rather preach Jesus."

But I told him that I had sent him the debate invitation and that we were gathered here to determine what the truth is: "the church that Jesus built or the man made churches?" Then the audience also commented to come to the point and finish this discussion.

I said to the audience, if you have any questions to ask anyone then you may ask; and in this way you will know what we hold on the said subject.

We had several questions, some very good which I appreciated, but also there were some useless questions which simply took up our time.

The debate was so effective for our side that fifteen members of the Free will Baptist Church came in front of us and said to their Pastor, why did you kept us in the darkness? And why did you not revealed us the truth which we are hearing now? From now onwards we tell you Suren we are no more in the Free will Baptist church. We would like to study with these brothers here, who are from the "Usli Kalasia" (original church) as they claim; we want to know about this "Kalasia" (church).

It was really a wonderful and happy moment; I personally thanked God for His strength.

As a result on the next day five men from the Free Will Baptist Church came to us in Bagdogra and said, "Brother we would like to study with you." As a matter of great interest there was an 86 years old man in the group, who had come all the way from Ghospukur to Bagdogra to study, this was really a moment of excitement.



Brother Markus Kisku and I studied with them and we revealed every truth, not hiding anything from them. There was careful teaching in the matter of the "Usli Kalasia," baptism, plan of Salvation, pattern of worship.

As soon as we completed the study they started crying and began saying that we wasted our lives, the time that should be given to the "Usli Kalasia" we gave to nothing. We repent and they all said we are ready for the baptism, because furthermore we don't want to risk our salvation; so the baptism of these people was held in the nearby river. They were



- 1. Daniel Lohar.....72 yrs*
- 2. Anil Lohar.....25 yrs*
- 3. Dashai Lohar.....33 yrs*
- 4. Dukhi Lohar.....86 yrs*
- 5. Lishu Lohar.....65 yrs*

Please pray for these newly born babies in Christ. (pictured here with family members and our two preaching brothers)