

FORBIDDING BRETHREN

Yesterday (May 25) I received a letter from a brother telling of the efforts in India by forbidding brethren to stop the work of providing homes for destitute children. He is a medical doctor and is currently studying in the States. His letter illustrates the effort of these who oppose orphans' homes and schools of preaching to undermine the work that has been going on since brother James Johnson of Canada began a SOP in Madras (Chennai) in 1967. As you know, last November 19th brother David Edwin Harrell and I debated the question of saints only in benevolence and congregational cooperation in the city of Bangalore, S. India.

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China	1.3 b	1.5b
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US	308 m	358 m
Indonesia	244 m	292 m
Pakistan	181 m	246 m
Bangladesh	162 m	195 m
Brazil	192 m	212 m
Nigeria	153 m	207 m
Russia	142 m	133 m
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Mexico	110 m	124 m

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BICYCLE CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH INDIA

In March we reported on our upcoming three-day campaign for Christ in Tamil Nadu, April 2-4. At that time the number of gospel preachers who were expected to take part was 920. We later learned there were 1054 brothers who were ready to work in this series of gospel meetings to be conducted village to village and house to house. In our work of training these brothers we provide some support while in the preacher training schools, help them learn a trade, then when they graduate we buy them a bicycle and send them out to be tent-making preachers (Acts 18:3; 20:28-35).

Of the 1054 there were 914 who had already received their bikes, but we needed to buy the same for another 240 at \$65 each. We give honor and praise to our heavenly Father for we were able to supply the needed bicycles, because of gifts from brothers and sisters like you and from gifts via Banner Elk, NC, where Don Iverson makes his home.

Since the majority of the brothers are day laborers, we planned to pay each one \$3.33 per day or \$10 for the three days. We thank God that through the generous help of readers of *Bulletin Briefs* and our Newsletter we were able to provide wages for each of the campaigners. The results included 447 gospel meetings held, forty-four congregations planted and 898 baptized. The picture above shows sixteen brothers with their new bikes. Many of these men are over forty, but have never owned a bicycle. Because of the dire poverty in the land, to them receiving such a gift is like an American receiving a sports car. My sincere thanks to all who helped us in this work.

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GARRY JONES

The brother named above works with Don Iverson, Scott Richards and me in setting up schools of preaching (SOP) in India. By the grace of God and the help of many saints in the US and an enormous number of faithful servants of Christ in India we were working with 31 preacher training schools during this last school year (June 2009 - May 2010) with more than 700 brothers enrolled. Besides the four named above a number of other American brothers aid in teaching in one of the SOP for a month at a time.

Garry was born in Rome, GA in 1954. He graduated from high school in 1972, attended David Lipscomb College for a while and later served in the US Army. In 1973 he married Cindy Kell and they have three daughters. Today all three are married and faithful to Christ with their husbands.

After finishing his military duty he attended the SW Biblical Institute at Doraville, GA. where he received a degree in Bible, and later degrees in history and education from N.C. Wesleyan College. He has a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Georgia. He began preaching in 1980 and subsequently served as located evangelist in North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. After moving to Tennessee in 1995 he served for three years as principal for the Knoxville Christian School. For nine years he preached for the church in Clinton, Tennessee, which now serves as his sponsor for his work in India.

In his mission efforts he has been active in setting up schools of preaching and an orphans' home that presently has 32 children living in cottages with house mothers, who are Christians. The home, known as the "**Mustard Seed Village**," is located in the far northeast of the state of Assam. This home for destitute children and the two like it started by Don Iverson in the deep south of the country makes three in all, with a total of more than 185 children. In truth 185 is an infinitesimal number when one knows that there are more than 50,000,000 orphans among the 1.2 billion souls in India, but it illustrates an effort in the right direction.

These things I have written not only with the hope that others will want to work with us, but to make an appeal for Garry Jones to receive support toward his work. Last month when he returned from India he went to work for Lowes in their garden department to supplement his income, but after working three weeks he had to quit as they were insisting that he work on Sundays when he needed to be traveling to find support. He is seeking other congregations that can assist him in the India work; and we urgently need him for the work.

You may contact him through Mike Smith, elder, Clinton church of Christ, 865 - 457-7877. Or speak to him personally at 865-567-7872 or by email at garryjones356@comcast.net.



CLASS BOOKS BY THOMAS F. EAVES, SR.

Thomas Eaves, who preached the gospel for 47 years in Canada, South Carolina, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas before his passing in December 1999, was also active in training men to preach both in the States and overseas. In fact while my family and I lived in Karachi, Pakistan brother Eaves spent three months with us (January — March, 1970) teaching in the Karachi School of Preaching. Toward the end of his life he journeyed to south India and taught and preached there.

During his life he was active in writing and preparing books for the classroom. His widow, Pat Eaves who has copies of two of his books on hand, would like to make them available to churches and individuals for personal study or classes on a very reduced price. One of these is, *A SIMPLIFIED STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS*. It consists of 197 pages and covers the thirteen chapters on Hebrews with questions after each chapter. The original price in paper back was \$4.00, *plus postage*, but you may now purchase one for \$3.00 *including postage*. If you desire multiple copies for a class the price is only \$1.60 each plus 25 % for postage. A congregation can hardly buy quarterlies for that price. She has some copies in hard back for \$4.50 *including postage*. A second book, which is also good for class study is on Acts and it also sells for \$4.50. You may reach her at Pat Eaves, 1350 Carmel Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506 or paeaves@charter.net.

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SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS

ASHVILLE, ALABAMA

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GROVE CITY, OHIO

Grove City, Ohio is a suburb of Columbus. For twelve years the Alkire Road church has conducted a training camp for young men 13-18 years of age. It is an excellent time for them to learn practical skills to become leaders in the body of Christ. The dates are July 11-18 Mark Bass, who is the director for the program, preaches for the local church. Phone him for an application or more information at 614-871-1482 or email: mebass1957@AOL.com.

KARNS, KNOXVILLE

The church at Karns has for the last six years conducted a Bible Training School for young people ages 11-18. This year the dates are June 6-13. Gary Hampton is the coordinator for the boys' section and his wife Teresa is in charge of the girls' section. Phone 865-297-2698 or check the web page at ETSPM.org for applications.