

# Newsletter

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### OUT WHERE THE NEED IS GREAT

Over a period of twenty years (1989 -2009) there have been six hundred and seventy brothers who have graduated from the preacher training school at Dindigul. These men were supported while they were studying, helped to learn a trade and upon graduation were given a bicycle and sent out to be tent-making preachers. Those who have been their teachers over the years report that more than 80% of them are still preaching; another eight or ten percent (although having chosen not to preach) still worship faithfully. This figure does not include the more than five hundred brothers trained in the one-year village schools or the single men trained in the two-year program at Coimbatore. As the following letter indicates some have passed from this life,

*Dindigul, October 28, 2009.*

*Dear brother Jim,*

*Greetings in our Lord's name! We hope in our Lord you are doing well. Yesterday we went to Polarai area to purchase sheep for a sister who is the widow of brother Chandrasekar. This brother died unexpectedly about a month ago. He had graduated from the Bible Institute at Dindigul in 2004. He and his family live in the Mulanur area, which is about fifty miles west of Dindigul. In order to support his family he worked for a community trust doing social work. At the time of his death he was preaching for a small congregation with about twenty in attendance. He and his family lived in a small thatched shed.*

*His widow, Neela Vathi is 32 and was baptized when she was 19 in 1996. There are two children, a boy Nimal Prasat, who is ten and studying in the fourth grade, and a girl, Nithya, who is two and one half.*

*Since sheep are more highly desired in their area than goats, the brother who directs the local school of preaching, Arivalagan, arranged for us to purchase sheep from a local farmer. We went to him and negotiated about the rate and purchased one Ram, four females and three lambs for Rs.14,200/= (\$305). The four females are pregnant. Brother Arivalagan said that the price in the open market for a pregnant female is above Rs.3,000/= (\$65) per head. In that area the rate for sheep is very high.*

*Your had sanctioned for her Rs.15,000/= (\$322) for goats. So, we gave her in hand the balance, Rs.800/= (\$17) for her family need. Also we told her Rs.800/= will come by money order every month for 24 months from November 2009 until she is able to develop her own flock.*

*When we talked about this help she wept. And we told her this is small gift from our brothers and sisters in America, so use this to develop your family and stand for God. The sister thanks for this help. Please pray for this family. For the time being she is living with her mother in law.*

*Your brothers,*

*M. Peter Wilson and K. Murugesan*



## A SPECIAL REQUEST

Those who forbid the church to help orphans have come to India and are causing much confusion and division among the churches (Rom. 16:17); thus it has become necessary to withstand them as Paul and Barnabas withstood those who sought to bind the law of Moses on the Gentile converts (Acts 15:1-2, 5; Gal. 2:4-5). A debate will take place on November 19. I need your fervent prayers that the truth might prevail. These forbidding brethren (Matt. 19:14) would shut down the home (cottages) for orphans (120) at Coimbatore; and every such home in our brotherhood.

## SOME REFLECTIONS

It is 4:38 a.m. at our house on November 4. My mother, who was 16 when I was born, told me that I had been born about 1:00 a.m. on that date in 1935, thus I am, as folks used to say, “going on” 75. Makes a person think. God willing, by the time you read this, I will have left for India (the 10<sup>th</sup>) where I have been working since 1986 to train faithful men according to 2 Timothy 2:2. As I wrote recently I am presently working with Bible training programs that include six fulltime schools with 179 enrolled and three special schools that serve to train women (38), blind (32) and deaf (34). Besides these there are night schools located in villages (51) where some of our graduates are holding classes three nights per week to build up the local church.

We do not pay any wages to the teachers or give any support to the students in these village training schools; they serve as “tent makers.” We do provide the teachers and a meal of rice and beans or curry for the students on the night of their class. When they finish a year’s work we will buy them a bicycle. The cost for this program is \$25 per month including the cost of the bike (\$65). In the fulltime schools the cost runs up to \$85 per person. The over-all average for the 397 enrolled is \$50 per individual or a total of \$19,850. This means that each month we must send from Crossville that amount just for the schools.

Having to supply these funds monthly means that, during the time I am in the States, it is necessary to continuously hustle to keep this amount coming in. It also means one-time gifts (which are sorely needed for travel expenses, printing, Bibles, concordances, bicycles, benevolence, school equipment, upkeep and supplies) must be used for the regular school expenses. Not only so, but the enormous population of India (1.15 billion, *Remember our King’s order concerning every creature* — Mark 16:15) means that we need to open more schools of preaching, print more tracts, class room materials, buy and/or print more Bibles, etc.

Someone asked me about two weeks ago, as they knew that I was approaching 74, how long I intended to continue this work. My reply was I have a visa to India until I am 83 (2019), and do not have any plans to stop. Yet, the demand of raising the \$19,000 every month forces me to travel too much while I am in the U.S. If the needed \$19,000 is divided by \$25 the number is 760. Laura and I supply funds each month that cover ten of the 760. What we need is another 750 co-workers who will also make a commitment to send us \$25 a month. In order to expedite this effort we are including a *return envelope* in our Newsletter each month.

## MORE NEW TESTAMENTS FOR HOLIDAY INN

A few months ago I wrote that the manager of the Holiday Inn in India’s federal capital, New Delhi, had requested Bibles for their guest rooms. We sent them fifty copies of the New King James New Testament, which included an offer for a Bible course by mail and a note telling guests, that if they wished to keep the NT, they should, and we would replace it for the hotel. Again on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September we received another request from the President of Operations in New Delhi, but this time it was for 200 copies, which were to be placed in their hotel in the city of Manali in Himachal Pradesh (See the picture). This state, which lies in the far north of the country, is about the size of South Carolina with a population of just over six million. One of its largest sources of income is tourism, which accounts for Holiday Inn having a hotel there. The New Testaments have been sent.

You will be quite interested to know that 1,300 of these little Testaments have been ordered by churches here in the States who wish to use them in their prison work and other evangelistic efforts. About four thousand have been shipped to the States by sea mail and are due to arrive by the middle of this month. As I have mentioned before we distribute them freely abroad, but ask those in the States who use them to pay the printing cost (60 cents) and the shipping costs (also 60 cents).

***If you desire a sample (no charge) write to Know Your Bible, 1824 Roane State Highway # 171, Harriman, TN 37748***

With love to all,

*Jim S. Waldron*

