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E-VAN-GELISM

Dear Brother in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our beloved Savior Jesus. I hope you received my (previous) fax news and email. Estimate cost of Van Ministry 2000 is as follows:

ITEM	NUMBER	COST			
		RATE	DAYS	Rs	\$
Van	10	Rs1100/day	15	1100x10x15=165,000	3837
Food Allowance	120	Rs50/day	15	50x120x15=90,000	2093
Wages	120	Rs60/day	15	60x120x15=108,000	2511
Tracts & Baptis- mal Certificates	100,000			55,000	1279
TOTAL				Rs418,000	\$9720

This is for your kind information. May I kindly request you to pray continuously for the success of this Van Ministry 2000 Programme. I pray for you, In Christian love, J. Sagayaraj (Feb 9, 2000).



The total cost for ten vans carrying twelve evangelists for fifteen days is \$9720. Now let us break it down. Brother Sagayaraj's letter indicates that the rental cost of each van including fuel and driver is Rs 1100 (\$25.58) per day; daily allowance for each worker is Rs 50 (\$1.16) per day; and daily wages for these brothers is Rs 60 (\$1.40) per day. Thus the daily cost for one van and twelve workers comes to \$56.24. Each van will have 10,000 tracts to distribute in the 15 days. Ten thousand tracts cost \$128 (1.2 cents each), so the average cost per day for tracts per van is \$8.33. The overall cost for one van for one day is \$64.79. In other words it only costs \$65 per day to support 12 preachers (about \$5.41 per man) on this campaign. Will you help with this expense?

(The first letter on the following page was also received by e-mail from J. Sagayaraj, who serves as office manager of the school at Dindigul, dated January 31, 2000. This brother came out of the Roman Catholic church and is bold in his determination to build up the church of our Savior. Besides his many responsibilities with the SOP he preaches for two congregations, one on the south side of Dindigul and another one in a rural area about six miles from the city, which is known as the Mountainside church of Christ.. In this letter he speaks of the events in the village where that congregation was begun a little over two years ago.

REPENTANCE OF A REBELLIOUS HEART

Justin is his name. He lives by a mountain side with his parents. His elder brother Xavier and Mrs. Xavier have been already members of Lord's church. His younger sister Sagayam is also a member of our Lord's church. For the past 28 months I conduct worship service nearby to Justin's house. He always had a hatred look over me for the past two years. He was so rough in his heart that he thought because of weekly worship services Xavier and his wife Stella do not work hard in the fields. So Justin wanted to have partition in the family properties. It was done a year ago as per his wish. When Justin's sister Sagayam wanted to go to Angie Greene Bible Institute (for women), he discouraged and scolded her. But she wanted to go there (anyway). When I went to mountain side the day before of Sagayam's departure to Angie Greene Justin scolded me severely. He blamed me for having partition in their family that I am the reason for that division. He scolded me with bad words. But I stood silently there (I Peter 4:14; 2:23). And after that incident, whenever I met him, I greeted him and asked about his health and other affairs. In 1999 when he married, I attended his marriage function. In the meantime, our church members there slowly taught him about the true Church. Especially brother Xavier, sister Stella Xavier and sister Vunala taught them the truth of the Bible. It all touched his heart. When he read Matthew 25:29 his heart was touched and he began to insist his brother that he (Justin) must meet Sagayaraj immediately. So I went there to meet Justin. Really it was an emotional meeting. He asked me to forgive all his wrong deeds to me. I told him that I already forgot them two years before. He then cried and requested me to baptize him and his wife. I taught Justin and his wife about the plan of salvation and immediately I baptized them into Lord Jesus Christ on 27th January 2000. Thanks to our living God for hearing my prayers to bring these precious souls into His kingdom.
J. Sagayaraj

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEPAL



(The following letter is from Wungkui (Wongoi) Zimik, a faithful brother who came to Nepal from the hill tribe region of northeast India. He lives in Narayanagarh where we have the school of preaching which is known as the Himalaya Bible Institute. He is about thirty and supports himself teaching English in a local school. He is very active in evangelistic work with the other brothers.)

Dear Brother Jim,

I received your letter yesterday. I was away with Kul (student preacher) to Silingki village in Makwanpur district. Twelve persons were baptized this week. Now there are two congregations with 17 members in Silingki and 11 at Kuchur and Maski. A couple from Maski has been attending Kuchur congregation since October last. Though the churches are still in their infancy, the members have the zeal and thirst for spiritual milk. The eldest brother of a joint family where we stayed is a sorcerer locally called "zakn". His two younger brothers are active members of the church who were converted last October.

While in that place we were told that last November a tiger killed a mother and her child in the neighboring village. Also Zouman's father, who was not a member of the church, expired yesterday. Zouman is our former HBI (Himalaya Bible Institute) cook. Some denominational groups also attended the funeral. The Baptists provided the coffin. A conversation on Biblical doctrines began. A commotion erupted when brother Kul told the Baptist pastor if miracles still exist today, "raise this (one from) death!" It ended with a decent burial. There are different burial grounds for Muslims, "Christians" and Buddhists. I have not been to Kathmandu since the time I wrote to you last. I plan to go within a few days. Greetings to the churches.
Sincerely, Wungkui Zimik. (January 20, 2000)

REJOICE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ; You can rejoice that as you give to this work you too are training such bold men in the faith to build up the kingdom of Jesus. May our heavenly Father and His Son Jesus receive all the praise both now and forevermore. In Christian love, Jim E. Waldron

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