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SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY PREACHERS AND STUDENT PREACHERS FROM 12TH – 26TH OF FEBRUARY 2000

VAN #	AREA	# OF VILLAGES	# OF GOSPEL MEETINGS	# OF HOMES VISITED	# OF BAPTISMS	# OF BCC ADDRESSES
1	DINDIGUL	106	8	8424	4	600
2	ODDSCHATRAM	123	29	2790	55	840
3	GHARAPURAM	80	74	777	246	1214
4	ERODE	86	44	3565	53	1395
5	PANDAMANGALAM	91	50	1740	78	1032
6	PARAMATHY	96	46	1350	48	587
7	POLARAI	91	82	4542	67	845
8	MORUR	77	31	1117	80	1235
9	CHINNADARAPURAM	63	26	2207	19	1093
10	PUDUKKAOTTAI	66	27	366	21	1250
	TOTAL	879	371	25,528	671	10,091

As reported by J. Sagayaraj (March 1, 2000)

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There were twelve men to each of the ten vans. The 120 included forty-nine brothers due to graduate from the three year course at the Dindigul Bible Institute and thirty from the two year school for single men near Coimbatore. Besides these there were 41 teachers and older gospel preachers on the vans. These were aided by a host of gospel preachers who have been trained over the past ten years in the various schools of preaching and the more than 150 brothers who are currently enrolled in the seven one year schools. It is thrilling to know of the 671 that put on Christ in baptism and it is also very exciting to read that more than ten thousand signed up for the a Bible correspondence course or for further study in other ways. This was the first year the brothers collected names and addresses in this manner. Ten thousand copies of the first lesson of our BCC is being printed along with ten thousand copies of a letter of greeting to these individuals. The first lesson will be mailed with the letter inviting each contact to complete the first course and receive a free Bible simply by sending postage stamps to cover the mailing cost.

Tamil Nadu is the most southern of India's nineteen states. It is about the size of Kansas with a population of 59,000,000. The Tamil people are a proud people with a long and influential history in the nation of India. When the country won its independence from the British colonial rulers in August 1947 it was a Tamil man who became the first governor-general. The vast majority of the people are Hindu and they are very devoted to their idols and images. The state has many temples and shrines to their various gods and goddesses. Thus you can see the urgent

need of prayer for our brothers who labor in that land. Let me urge all who read this to pray earnestly to the Lord of harvest (Matthew 9:38) on behalf of these Tamil brothers as they seek to evangelize among their own people.

KIEV BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Roger Campbell and his family spent six years in Ukraine where he worked mainly with the school of preaching in Kiev. He has just returned from a trip to that country. He presently preaches for the Union Grove church in Cleveland, TN. Here is a portion of his report:

"I recently made a 33-day trip to Kiev, Ukraine (January 31 to March 3). My main purpose in returning to the Ukraine was to teach in the Kiev Bible School, with which I worked full-time from 1993-1999. There are now 16 brothers who are studying full-time in the school. The twelve men who study in the 1st and 2nd year program are from three nations, including ten brothers from seven different cities in the Ukraine. The four third-year brothers are from four different cities of the Ukraine."

I taught the 1st and 2nd year men the book of Acts for 14 days, meeting four days per week, five hours each day. I also taught the third-year men one day each week. With them we studied lessons from the lives of various Bible characters. As a group these third-year men constitute the best group of brothers that we have had in the school since its beginning in 1992.

During my 4 and 1/2 weeks in the Ukraine I also spoke seven times during the services of three congregations. (Garmatna, Darnitsa, Yagotin). (Roger preaches and teaches in the Russian language.) The Garmatna church, with which we labored while living in Kiev is doing quite well. The average Sunday attendance when I was there was about 80. As time allowed, I was also able to conduct a number of private studies. Praise be to God that two men whom I helped teach privately obeyed the gospel while I was there."

Those of you who are particularly interested in the work behind the former Iron Curtain will be pleased to know that \$21,800 was sent to Kiev for the work in 1999 from our funds and this does not include special contributions by two brothers for the apartment which was purchased to house the guest teachers.

SPRING TRIP TO

ASIA

Brother Rudra Prasad Giri reports that 150 have sent in applications for the school of preaching in Narayangarh, Nepal. Lord willing, I will be there the 19th of March to spend two weeks giving entrance exams and teaching a one-week course to test the applicants' learning ability. On the 3rd of April I will leave for South India where we will give entrance exams in nine schools of preaching. As they are scattered over an area 250 miles across it will take about ten days to complete this work. From the 15th to the 28th of April I will be in Chittypalayan teaching the book of Revelation for the young men and young women in the two Bible schools in that location. Graduation for these two schools is on April 29th and the graduation at Dindigul is on May 6th.

We thank God not only for the wonderful things that are being accomplished by the saints in Tamil Nadu, but for your prayers and support of this work of faith and labor of love. It is a cause for great rejoicing to be associated with you in this effort. May our heavenly Father and His beloved Son, Jesus receive all the praise, honor and glory.

Pray for us. In Christian love, Jim E. Waldron

