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SCHOOLS OF PREACHING SOUTH INDIA

SCHOOL	STUDENTS	STUDY TIME	AVERAGE AGE*	ENROLLMENT
Dindigul	Married	Three Year	28	187
Arakkonam	Married	One Year	30	8
Dharaparam	Married	One Year	25	12
Erode	Married	One Year	38	35
Pandamangalam	Married	One Year	30	10
K. Paramathy	Married	One Year	30	13
Polarai	Married	One Year	25	7
Coimbatore	Single	Two Year	18	64
TOTAL				336
SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
Women's Bible Institute at Coimbatore		Two Years	19	81
Bible Institute for the Blind		Four Years	25	30

*Estimate

By-Pass Surgery

As many of you are aware I ride a bicycle while in the States and overseas. In the early morning of June 19th I had ridden a round trip of about 23 miles, when just about a mile from our house I blacked out and fell flat on my face on the road. A "good Samaritan" picked me up and brought me home. He was able to put the bike in his car. Laura rushed me to a local doctor, who sent me to North Park Hospital in Chattanooga. There they ascertained that my heart was in good shape, but I had four arteries to the left of it that were between 30 and 90 percent blocked. The culprit, was not lack of exercise or obesity, but high cholesterol. On Thursday the 22nd Dr. Steve Martin, opened my chest, sliced open my left leg, took out a vein, chopped it up and fitted four pieces of it to by-pass the blocked arteries. I was able to come home on Monday the 26th. Today is the 12th of July and I am recuperating slowly. The Sunday I was in the hospital two of our elders from Dunlap along with two other couples were in my hospital room to have worship and communion with me. By the grace of our Father I have been able to attend the last two Lord's days at Dunlap.

I was due to leave for India on the 5th of July, but that had to be postponed. I have been told to wait about six weeks before I drive. That does not present too big a problem as I am not prejudiced and quite enjoy being driven around by a lovely female chauffeur. She doesn't charge either. I just turn my pay check over to her each month, but that is normal. Another thing is that I have been instructed not to lift more than five or ten pounds over the next few months due to the long healing process required for the breast bone. That precludes my carrying even a light bag for

travel. In the meantime I have very much to do here at home preparing class materials for the various schools, gathering the material for *Bulletin Briefs*, catching up on about two bushels of mail and arranging teachers for the Nepal school. Speaking of the schools, I was to be in Tamil Nadu on the 17th of this month to open a new one, but a local brother will take care of that. One of the wonderful things about the work in South India is the large number of brothers that are capable of carrying on the work when no foreigner is present. In fact, due to their knowledge of the language and culture they are often more capable than we. Above are listed the ten schools in S. India we are presently conducting. Please bear in mind that this is a co-operative work and many churches and individuals work together to make it possible. It costs us on average \$33 a month to support a student in training. We are slowly improving our building facilities. Two projects we need to fund at present are the completion of the dining hall at Dindigul, which will cost us about \$4,000 and the replacement of the thatched roof on the main building for the Bible Institute for the blind. For this we will need about \$3,500. Both buildings will have cast reinforced concrete roofs when they are complete.

UKRAINE

The Kiev Preacher Training School (formerly the Kiev Bible School) was begun in September 1992. Graduates from this school are now preaching in several places in Ukraine. This month four more brothers will graduate from the three-year program. Eleven will be returning as part of the fall student body. Besides these a half dozen new applicants are expected to sit for the selection class in August. The new director for the school is Chuck Northrop. He has served as instructor on an annual basis for many years during short-term visits to the country. In September he and his wife Jody will take up long-term residence in Kiev. Other regular instructors in the school include Kerry Sword, a 1990 graduate of the East Tennessee School of Preaching. Kerry and his family have been in Kiev since 1992. Two Ukrainian brothers, who are graduates of the school also serve as teachers. One of these, Sasha Zotoz who preaches for the Garmatna Street church of Christ, will serve as assistant director. This congregation and the KPTS meet in the building which was purchased in 1994 after the local church was forced by the government authorities to move five times. The Northrops are sponsored by the church in Duluth, Georgia where Ernest Burnette serves as an elder. Ernest will go to Kiev in August to teach for a month. We always remember with joy those who gave in order that the church might have a meeting place with classroom space to train native saints to reach their own with the gospel. We also appreciate those who continue to help us monthly in the support of this work.

NEPAL

There are thirty-three brothers enrolled in our newest school in Narayangarh, Nepal. These brothers are not only doing well in their school work, but have shown a great desire to do evangelism. During the last three weeks they have baptized more than twenty into Christ in the region surrounding the school. As you may recall we use American brothers to teach a month at a time in the school. Since I was there in March to open the new school year the teachers have been, Don Iverson, elder with the Banner Elk church in North Carolina (April); Daniel Hamm, who preaches for the Bishop Street church in Union City, TN (May); Ernest Burnette (June); and Billy Simmons, who worships with the church in Winder, GA is there now.

A HUNDRED FOLD

Our Lord Jesus promised that serving Him would cause us to have a hundred brothers and sisters (Mark 10:29-30). This has truly been brought home to me during my recent ordeal. I have received cards by the score with hope and prayers for my speedy recovery. Many cards came from whole classes in various congregations. E-mail and phone calls have come from many places including Nepal and India saying brothers and sister were fasting and praying for my health. I wish to thank each and everyone for the cards, prayers and kind words of love and sympathy.

May our Lord bless you all.

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