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EMAIL FROM PETER PILLAI

We thank God for each of you for your joint participation with us in this work of faith and labor of love. Your share in this work can hardly be over stated. Rarely have I had to write an urgent appeal for funds because you regularly hold up this work through your prayers to the Father and by your generous gifts. May He and His beloved Son receive praise, honor and glory for this devotion to duty on your behalf. Yet, I am sending this Newsletter to you early because of some urgent matters. On Monday October 1st I received an email from Peter Pillai in which he said, "the check has been sent to America for collection." Ordinarily when brother Pillai has presented our checks to the local bank in his home town it has cleared in ten to twelve days. Such is unusual in India because it is the regular practice of Indian banks to hold foreign checks until they can be sent to the U.S. and cleared here. This can take from four to six weeks. Yet, due to the regularity of our checks over these twelve years and the good will brother Pillai has built up with the local bank we have been receiving extra ordinary clearance privileges. However, due to the horrible events on September 11th an international crisis has developed not only in air travel, but in financial circles also. Thus the bank in India is now requiring us to wait until the check clears in Dunlap before they will release the funds for the schools. Since the early part of this year, on a monthly basis, we have been sending \$16,500 to brother Pillai. The certified check has been sent by Randall Standefer (Dunlap elder) to Pillai thirty days in advance of the date it is needed. This time frame allowed fifteen to twenty days for the registered letter to reach its destination and ten to twelve days for the bank clearance, but now we must factor in another thirty days for the check to be returned here for collection. This mean we need to get another \$16,500 in the pipeline so that Randall can send the check from Dunlap sixty days in advance. Please help as you can.

EMAIL FROM BROTHER J. W. SAMSON

Samson is the director of the Dindigul Bible Institute which is the three year school of preaching we have had going since 1989. There are just over 150 men studying at the present time. Besides this we have eight other one year SOP around the state of Tamil Nadu. After Peter Pillai notified these schools of the delay of funds I received an email from Samson (October 3rd) in which he asked if it were possible for me to do anything to alleviate the problem of no funds for October. I sent him word, that although it is more expensive than sending through regular channels we would send emergency funds by Western Union. These we sent on 5 Oct. Please keep us in your prayers.

REGULAR REPORT

As I reported previously during the month of August I was in Nepal in order to teach Old Testament Survey Part II, (Joshua – II Chronicles). This was my second time this year be with the SOP in Narayangarh. It is hard for me to describe the great admiration I have for our 39 men in that school. The majority of those students are from the mountains and many walk three or four days just to get to a town where they can catch a bus in order to come to the school. Not only do I admire them for their physical stamina, but for their spiritual strength. Concerning the latter, while there on the last trip I was shown pictures of a lectureship organized by about a dozen of the students in June in their own village, which is five and one half days from Nayarangarh by foot and bus. There are four churches of Christ in the area and in August of 1999 all four of the church buildings were knocked down or damaged by militant Buddhist. Before the evil events on September 11, I intended to use this full report to tell about them and the congregations from which they come. Below you will see two pictures that do show something of the events there.

June Bible Lectureship

Congregation in Front of Broken Building – 1999

AMERICA TURNS TO PRAYER

In spite of the horror of September 11, it has been good to see the President, governors and other high officials publicly weep and speak of the need for prayer. As God's people we must take advantage of this concern for spiritual things. As most of us realize most people rarely if ever attend church services anywhere and few outsiders attend our gospel meetings. Thus in Dunlap, October 13th and 20th, we are going to knock doors to invite people to our upcoming gospel meeting, which will begin on the 21st. Not only will we be giving people a personal invitation to the meeting, but we will seek to set up home studies. We will use a community survey which has proven very effective in other places to open the door for house to house studies. Recently I was with the church at Rome near Lebanon, TN in a four-day meeting and we used this survey in our door knocking. In a total of six or seven hours of door knocking we found 13 families that were willing to have a Bible study in their homes. Of the approximately 25 (not all worked every day) who engaged in this work only two were preachers, Stan Stevenson and myself. In fact I observed that the local members of the Rome church were more effective at setting up these home Bible studies than I. If you would like to see a copy of the survey write to Randall Standefer at the address below. Along with the survey sheet we will send you a sermon tape by me on the kingdom of Christ and on the urgency of soul winning in America.

RETURN TO INDIA

The week end of October 26 – 28 I will be in a gospel meeting with the church at Elkins near Woodbury, TN. For that meeting we are also planning to knock doors. The last service of the meeting will be in the afternoon (28th) about 2:00 p. m. Thus, God willing I will be able to leave the same afternoon out of Nashville for Detroit, Amsterdam and Delhi.

NEXT MONTH

A brief preview of the up-coming trip might be in order. There are two places I will be visiting with the aim of setting up new schools of preaching. One of these is in the northeast mountain country of India where Wung Kui Zimik will work with the school. We hope to open it in January 2002. I will have to make arrangements to rent a building on this up-coming trip for this school. The other new place for a SOP is in the Tamil Nadu city of Thrichy. This is where we bought the building for the "blind" earlier this year. If any congregation wants to make one of these schools their special project please let me know. This work of training native Christians to reach their own with the blessed gospel is growing and I pray it will grow even faster. I thank God that He has stirred up your pure hearts to cooperate in this work with us. May He and His blessed Son, Jesus of Nazareth, receive all the glory, honor and praise both now and forevermore.

In Christian love,

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