

And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. Acts 13: 49

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TO INDIA

Dearly Beloved,

May 27, 2023

Greetings from the mission work in India. This letter is exclusively a report of the awesome blessings we enjoyed at the VBS' in seven of the mission churches, and the incredible summer Youth Camp held at Philadelphia Baptist Church for all the others as well. I must admit that at first we were quite discouraged (humanly speaking) by the reluctant response from the parents to send their young, with reasonable excuses which cannot be denied due to the modern problems among the youth. But conversely, the Lord has brought many new young people and blessed us by answering our prayers with such encouragement that there was a revival among the youth by the last day. By the second day, those who have been reluctant came to know of what God was doing and they joined in to get the blessings. In all, we had more than a hundred young people, and about a hundred older ones. The evening services were open to all ages and were more like Gospel crusades. Many were so emotional and didn't want the meetings to end, and were rejoicing in God's Word and the sweet fellowship. We had few professions of salvation, and many young people surrendering to serve the Lord which is an answer to many prayers (ours and yours). The Lord has blessed us exceeding abundantly above than what we thought or asked for.

The religious persecution has intensified to such an extent that on May 4th, many churches were burnt down in the north east state of Manipur and many Christians killed. Although the trend of Hindu fundamentalism is being pushed on the whole nation, it is also drawing flak from the secular minded ones and the changing tides are beginning to show. Prayers for this country (as well as America and the world) are so much more vital in these times as the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy.

The second Tentative Telugu Bible corrections are underway with much work to be done. We are praying on the decision to print only 50 copies of the second edition, and then go on to print the final God willing. The school will reopen on June 12th, and we're hoping and praying that the Lord would bring more new students. And the Children's Home at Kaltur is still in process of getting the title on the church name first, before we go on any further than we already did.

Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated, and we thank God for you and assure you of our love and continued prayers.

Serving the Saviour

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