



COME OVER AND HELP US...

"Turn from dead idols to serve the living and true God."

Acts 16:9

I Thessalonians 1:9

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Dear Brethren, Red Hill Church Of Christ,

Greetings to all our fellow workers in the faith, and those who support the Manassas India Mission work! I have just returned from our India 2025 mission program, spending about two and a half weeks in country. It's always a wonderful time of year to travel in India due to the weather and the temperatures. It is mild by India standards and very cool up closer to the border. This year we added another church support visit in Bhadravati, a small village town about a five-hour train ride west of Bangalore. I have recorded pictures of that visit as well on my 2025 presentation Power Point slide deck for all to see. You can also see some of the pictures if you have followed my blog chronicles at IndiaTiger2025@blogspot.com, and that you can still view!

We once again gathered in our Tulsi home apartment on Saturday, February 1st with the brethren for a welcome, and a plan to travel and spread the word all around the subcontinent, encouraging the brethren while seeking and saving the lost. We traveled over 4500 miles in planes and trains and cars, visiting approximately 14 cities/villages, and me personally speaking over 25 times in worship services, gospel meetings and bible studies. Our special part of the program involved an invitation to several hundred local denominational preachers in a three-hour seminar and in three different locations, called Come Let us Reason Together. The approach was for all of us to seek the truth, to abide in the word, understand the responsibilities of true believers, and being of one mind in search of the faith of our Lord. Our guidepost for all other presentations was Paul's declaration to the Galatians in Gal 2:20 – *I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer my life, but Christ who lives in me.*

From our Tulsi home in Hyderabad, we traveled back to our brethren doing God's work in Vijayawada, and in Thimmapuram, and then to our Pamidipadu School of Preaching for classroom teaching and a graduation ceremony. We graduated a total of 26 students as well as our Perscilla bible school for women that graduated six sisters in the faith. After which we headed back to Hyderabad to reorganize and prepare to travel north to Bagdogra near the border of Nepal. Here the Berean School of preaching reaches out beyond the borders of the subcontinent to Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, and even as far as the China border, which is why we have developed the school in that part of the country.

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In our three-day, Come Let us Reason Together seminar, we baptized eleven local denominational preachers who came to understand the truth. They counted eleven of the twenty-nine new souls we baptized into Christ during our journey. It is always a blessing to take the word of God to the lost and witness the responses to the Gospel call in such a way as I have seen in this country. Your support and your prayers have made this possible for three consecutive years for me.

The final stop planned for this program was, after stopping in Bhopal to discuss the future of the Bhopal School of Preaching there, to head down to Bangalore where we would rest one day and travel for about five hours by train to the town of Bhadravati. This is a relatively small village town yet a producer of local steel, and the home of the very large Bhadra River dam built in 1947. There is a picture of it on my blog. There we encouraged the brethren and local visitors for a two-day gospel meeting program. This was my first visit there and certainly, God willing, not my last.

Here back in the states, Renee and I continue to plan travel and report to those congregations that support our work. I plan to start in the Tennessee area, North Carolina, and again in Texas, and possibly Oklahoma during the later part of the year, to Arkansas, Indiana, and other more local congregations here in northern Virginia. There are always continuous gospel programs in India, there are always more church buildings to build, there is always more construction required, such as the additional berthing spaces for our schools of preaching. The number of those that want to attend our schools is always increasing, and there is always a need to make sure we have room in the inn, as it were.

As always, we continue to remind everyone who contributes to the Lord's work, the words of 3 John 5-8, "Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth." John declares that you all are very much a part of this work as fellow workers in the mission field. All the funding we employ, building and maintaining church structures, schools of preaching, preachers, and travel, all lead to making disciples and baptizing lost souls. Please continue to pray for the Lord's work in this mission field, locally and abroad.

Finally, and with his consent, Jerris would like to share with you his current medical condition. We have communicated in recent letters that both Jerris and Juantia have experienced some health issues of concern. Specifically, Jerris has had to wrestle with, among other things, kidney failure and a transition to health care needed through dialysis regiments. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers, and for the blessing they have both been to the work for so many years.

We look forward to meeting with you in fellowship and worship in the near future. May God continue to bless our work for His glory, and *"May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you always."*

Here to serve,
Steve and Renee Gaudreau