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A Quarter Century of Ministry in India ...and still going!

Each year I look forward to going to India, but this year had extra special meaning. It marked my 25th anniversary of ministry in this land of varied contrasts and overwhelming need for the Gospel of Christ. Over these years not only have I witnessed the national population grow over the one billion mark, but it's been my joy to see many thousands of souls accept Jesus Christ as personal Savior, multiplied hundreds of national ministers trained for ministry, untold numbers of miracles of healings and deliverances, the establishment of children's homes, Bible schools, home care for the elderly, elementary schools, vocational training, church planting, equipment for workers, and a host of various other services.

The fruit from these varied ministries is absolutely phenomenal! Children who were nurtured and trained in our children's homes and vocational schools are now young men and women who have achieved success as pastors, doctors, nurses, accountants, computer technicians, and etc. Jesus said one soul is worth more than all the wealth of the

world! There is no way to compute the value of the investment of time, service, and finances into the lives of all who have been touched by this ministry across the years. This will be one of the joys of heaven to see what together our prayers, service and support have accomplished.



This trip was perhaps one of the busiest schedules I have had over these many years in India. Upon my arrival into Hyderabad, after traveling some 40 hours, I quickly took a bath, changed clothes and headed to the Bible school to preach. Following a few hours of rest, Moses Choudary and his wife Amaji and I boarded a train that Tuesday night to travel all night to Vijayawada. A couple hours after arriving, I joined Suvarna Raju in a meeting to prepare for his all day pastors conference that Friday. Wednesday afternoon Moses and I traveled to Eluru where the crusade and pastors conference was already in progress. Moses and I preached that night and all the next day and night before driving back to arrive into Vijayawada 1:30 a.m.



Above and above right: Moses, Amaji and Harley traveling the night train

I slept 5 hours and then headed out with Raju for the all day pastors and evangelists conference. I returned to my room at 7:30 p.m. and at 9:00 p.m. Moses and I took the night train back to Hyderabad. Pictured below are Raju, Harley, Pastors & Evangelists.



During the next four days we had a busy schedule of two meetings a day at the church, Bible school and 3 day crusade. Meanwhile, Moses would be making the trip back to Vijayawada twice more that week.



Above: Bible School and Children's Home in Hyderabad

The crusade was conducted in Pantanchuru town. It was the first time any Christian gospel crusade was conducted in this city. The pastor has a very growing church and God has given him favor with the city leaders. The meeting was held right in the center of the city next to a park where some sort of Hindu carnival was in progress. From the first service the crowd was large with some 2000 people attending. Oh how the enemy was disturbed! The first night a group of militant Hindus created a ruckus trying to stop the meeting. The police talked with them and they were quite on the second night. However, the 3rd night they came with a loud PA system to drown us out. The police came in force, broke up their opposition, arresting three of their main leaders. Our service continued without interruption under police protection and the Lord blessed with many people boldly standing to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

TO GOD IS THE GLORY FOR ALL HE DID IN THIS CRUSADE!



Photo above & Below: Harley preaching Pantanchuru crusade with over 2000 attending.



Following the meetings with Moses, I traveled to our Bible College in Kerala via of Mumbai (Bombay). It was here Brother Tony Abram along with Dr. V.V. Thomas, joined me for the flight to Calicut which is a two hour drive from our College. . When we arrived at the Calicut airport the temperature was soaring around the 100 degree mark. It was hot!



Photo above: Partial view of crowd for Kerala Pastors Conference & Crusade

Like in Andhra Pradesh the schedule of meetings at our Malabar Theological College in Kerala was also very busy. There were four daily services at the Pastors conference-morning prayer/ Bible study, special seminar sessions for the seniors, the Women, the Men, and the Young people- with an evening evangelistic and healing service.



Photo: Tony at Kerala Crusades & conference



Photo: Harley illustrating a pump in his message



Photo: MTC front grounds preparing dining hall for 1200 guests



Photo: Partial view of 1200 guests having lunch

Saturday was a glorious day as over 1200 people gathered on the campus for the dedication of the new four story building comprising kitchen, dining room, class rooms, library, offices, and two beautiful guest rooms. Following the dedication we went immediately into the graduation service. We had 23 students graduate. Four have been accepted as



Photo: Harley offering prayer of dedication and cutting the ribbon



Photo: Tony offering prayer of dedication of Guest Rooms

assistant pastors of established churches. The remaining 19 are planting new churches in un-reached areas, two of which returned to North India near the Nepal border.



Photo: Tony and Harley with Graduates



Photo: The commissioning of the students by the Pastors in attendance

These students have been diligent in their studies for the past three years. During this time they are divided into groups with a group doing outreach evangelism every week. The story of the two young men from North India is amazing. They could not speak English or Malayalam when they first came to the school. Both now are speaking the two languages because of our dedicated principal, Saji, who devoted the necessary time to teach them. One was selected as a representative of the class to give the valedictorian message. His English was amazingly fluent, and his anointing and fire was glorious as he preached, "NO CROSS, NO CROWN"! These two young men stayed three years without ever returning home to see their families. My heart is deeply touched by their commitment to Christ. Our Malabar Theological College is an English medium school where students are receiving excellent training. Six of our teachers have earned masters degrees. Another, Saji Matthew will be returning at our opening session in June after being away two years completing his masters. Brother Thomas received his earned PhD a year ago at Union Bible Seminary in Pune.

These 19 students and eight other previous graduates who have already planted new churches are in urgent need of monthly support. For \$75.00 a month we

can place these young men in un-reached areas to plant new churches.

At the time of this writing I have a sponsor for one of these young men. Will you make this urgent need for sponsorship for the remaining 18 a matter of prayer? Perhaps you, or a Sunday school class, etc., could take up sponsorship for one or more of these young preachers of the Gospel? They are willing to put their lives on the line to go into un-reached and many times hostile areas to share the good news of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Your prayers and support for them will build eternal dividends and everlasting rewards. Please call or write and I will be happy to assign one or more of these young ministers to you.

The new facility we finished building is absolutely beautiful, but the cost for materials and labor took a spiral higher than we imagined. We have a very pressing need for \$35,000 to complete payment on all the cost. I am so thankful for those of you who have been so faithful to make sacrificial gifts toward this project. If you have not made a contribution to us for this project would you ask the Lord if He would have you to help us at this time? We need your help! If you have made a contribution toward it would you kindly consider another gift to get us over this crunch? Whatever the size of your gift, please know it is needed and deeply appreciated.

Urgent need for two bicycles - for \$170.00 (\$85.00 each) we can provide bicycles for a village pastor and village evangelist. The bicycles will enable them to cover more areas and reach more people in less time.

From India I went to Korea but I will share the report of those meetings in our next newsletter.

Please pray for my next upcoming trip to Romania and Bulgaria May 21-June 7, 2005.

Special note: Do you have email? If so, please send me a message at hmfiddler@insight.rr.com so I can put you on our email missionary bulletin reports.

Donna and I are so deeply thankful to each of you for your faithful prayers and loyal support. Without you none of this ministry would be possible. It is our desire that God will make our last years more productive than all the many years before. Thank you for being a faithful friend and partner. We love you dearly and we pray that God will cause you to "prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3rd John v.2).

Your Partners in Harvest, Harley and Donna Fiddler



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