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## india ministry report - part three

Greetings dear partners and friends,

I closed our last newsletter talking about the meetings in Vijayawada. Following those meetings I returned to Hyderabad and prepared to leave early the next morning to Kerala. I had an early morning flight to Mumbai (Bombay) and waited several hours before flying to Calicut where Pastor and Mrs. James Varghese, Saji and Omana Chaco our school principal and secretary/book-keeper, and Joy K greeted me with a very warm and gracious welcome. We had a glorious time of fellowship traveling nearly two hours to the Malabar Theological College campus where I would be for a full week of ministry.

Our pastors and Christian workers seminar began the next morning. Following the 8:00 a.m. prayer session the seminar sessions were conducted from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. It was a delightful time, sharing with 56 pastors, the Bible school students and faculty members. Their hunger for teaching was very obvious as they took copious notes and asked many questions related to the study material. During the Friday session we had a special time of prayer and "laying on of hands" for four of the students who finish their



Photo: Harley with principal Saji interpreting the teaching session at the Malabar Pastors Conference in Kerala.



Photo: Harley, James, Saji, V.V. Thomas, and Saji Matthew having special prayer for the four students who finished their studies and are being sent out to their field of service.

studies this year. They will return for the graduation service next year. Meanwhile, they are doing their interim ministry in various areas of the Malabar region.

Saturday was a special day for our medical camp conducted on our campus grounds. Because it was a free medical camp for all peoples many people (mostly Hindu and Muslim) came early for medical examinations and medicines. There were five doctors with their assistants, and four Roman Catholic nun nurses who were in charge of the medicines. These dear people give of their personal time to do this frequently and they execute the program with excellence.

Every patient is registered and their blood type is noted for our records. During the long waiting period over 300 patients viewed Christian films and listened to Christian music while our workers mingle with them interacting and sharing the love of Jesus with them.



Photo: Harley gives a greeting and welcome to one of the doctors conducting the medical camp on the campus of Malabar Theological College-Kerala.

One of the requirements of the government to have our legal registration is that we must show a certain amount of social work. The medical camp is one of numerous projects we do to meet this requirement. But, more than that, it is a way to minister to hurting people as well as an effective tool for witnessing and evangelism.

Sunday was the final day of ministry in the Malabar before going the next day to Lucknow in northern India near the Nepal border. We left 8:30 a.m. for the two hours drive to have a combined worship service with several of our young pastors who are graduates from our school. More than 300 people came from several areas for this service. The young pastor who hosted the meeting has already built his church building and small home and ministers to two different language-speaking groups—one Malayalam and the other Tamil. The Tamil-speaking

people have come from Chennai (Madras) for employment.



Photo: Harley preaching at the United Believers Service. The room is packed with more than an equal number outside.

The Lord gave us a glorious service with 17 people responding to the invitation to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and many others responding to prayer for their healing. It was another long but fruitful day of ministry.

We had to get up at 4:00 a.m. Monday morning to begin the all day trip to Lucknow. We arrived Lucknow 9: 15 p.m. that evening. Pastor Syjomon met us and took us to our room at the Operation Mobilization ministry compound.



Photo: Harley teaching on Revival and Church Planting to the Nepal/Lucknow pastors.

We got up 6: 30 a.m. to begin the all day conference with 70 pastors –seven from Nepal and the others from the local area. Three of the pastors from Nepal are graduates of our school and we are assisting them in planting new churches in their country. We really needed a week to spend with these pastors, but unfortunately our schedule would not permit it.

We departed very early the next morning for another long day of travel. Brother Thomas traveled with me as far as Mumbai and I continued on that day to Hyderabad. I don't have space here to talk about the terrible mix-up I had with my flight to Hyderabad. It was 10:30 p.m. when I finally arrived at my room at the Bible school in Hyderabad. I was exhausted!

Next morning I ministered in the chapel service and following lunch I taught from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and did the same schedule the following day on Friday. At 9: 30 a.m. Saturday morning the driver took me to Zaheedrabad two hours away. More than 600 people gathered for the Believers Meeting from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Following a break and a meal we traveled to one of the seven village churches Pastor Wanamia has planted for the evening service. I preached from 8:30 – 9:45 p.m. to more than 200 village people. Again the Lord blessed the altar service with more than a dozen people receiving Christ and more than half the crowd came for prayer for healing. We returned that same night to Hyderabad rejoicing in all that the Lord had done that day.



Photo: Harley preaching on Saturday afternoon to more than 600 at the Believers Meeting in Zaheedrabad with Pastor Wanamia.



Photo: Harley preaching at a village service with over 200 people gathered. This is one of seven outreach churches Pastor Wanamia has planted in recent years.

Sunday morning I preached in the 8: 30 and 11:30 a.m. services in the two churches Brother Moses and Nireeksheean have planted in Hyderabad.

Monday morning I taught another session in the Bible school, had lunch, an evening meal and fellowship with Brother Moses, packed and went to the airport 11:00 p.m. to depart 3: 35 a.m. for the long journey home.

This is only a brief overview of this glorious mission venture. But I hope it is enough to give you a picture of what you have a very important part to share. I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and financial support, without which none of this is possible. Please continue to pray for all these precious servants of the Lord in India and all their various ministries.

Donna and I request that you continue to pray for us and stand with us as together we continue to advance our Lord's kingdom in all these different areas of the world. We would love to hear from you. When you write, please share with us your prayer requests so that we can remember you before the Father's Throne. (Matt. 18:19)

May God's grace, peace and abundance be multiplied to you is our prayer. (3Jn 2)

Yours Partners in Harvest

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