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india ministry report - part one

It is amazing that we are entering the 3rd month of the New Year already. The old saying is true, "time goes faster for busy people". The past month in India has been no exception for me. From the day of landing to the day of takeoff every day was packed with ministry, meetings, and travel to all ministry points. There was really no time to do any serious reflecting upon all the events that transpired. Now that I have time to read my daily journal I want to share with you in more detail in this and the next several newsletters how God blessed our meetings in this mission outreach with "much fruit".

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHING

On the day of my arrival into Hyderabad I got to my room at 4:00 a.m., having traveled over 25 hours. With less than four hours of sleep I was ready at 8:00 a.m. to teach the Bible school students who begin there day with a 5:00 a.m. prayer meeting. It was an exciting day sharing with these devoted and committed students both in and out of the class room setting. A book could and should be written about the success and fruitfulness of this and the other Maranatha Bible schools in Andhra under the direction of Pastor G. Moses Choudary.



Photo: Harley rejoicing with the Bible school students at the Hyderabad school

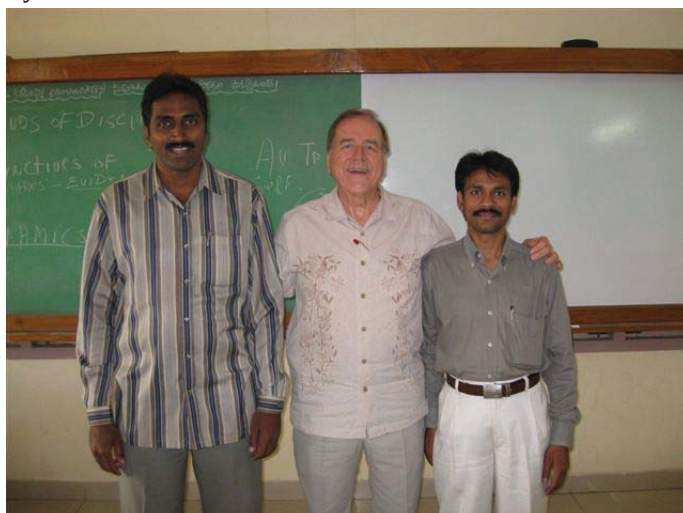


Photo: Harley with two of his interpreters and Bible School teachers at the Hyderabad school

Pastor Nireekshan, Moses' son-in-law does an exceptional job directing the school in Hyderabad as well as serving as Associate pastor of the two growing Maranatha local churches in Hyderabad.

After teaching the morning class sessions on the following day I rushed off to the airport for my flight to Vijayawada where I was met by Pastor Prasad, another son-in-law to Moses and Amaji, who took me to the guest quarters where I got settled in for the next five days of meetings. The next day I was busy with Suvarna Raju making all the final preparations for a Pastor's conference and Medical camp with his brother-in-law Dr. Sandayana who is a semi-retired medical doctor.

ROOF TOP EVANGELISM

Then I went with Pastor Prasad to a new area on the outskirts of the city of Vijayawada to conduct a "roof-top" meeting. In addition to pastoring the main church in Vijayawada with nearly 2000 people, Prasad planted another church four years ago on the outskirts of the city and it is doing very well with more than 200 people. We did the "roof top" meeting in this general area where he is planting a second church to reach the people of the rapidly growing area.



Photo: Harley and Prasad conducting roof top Evangelistic service as night

While we had nearly fifty people gather for this meeting on the roof, only the Lord knows how many heard the singing and preaching of the gospel by the thousands who live in the high rise flats surrounding this site. It is a unique way to share the gospel to multitudes of people who might otherwise never hear the good news. Seven people responded to the altar call receiving Christ as their personal Savior and others received healing for numerous illnesses. IT WAS A GREAT DAY!

PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

Next day I conducted an all day Pastor's conference with my dear friend and co-laborer of 28 years Dr. CH Suvarna Raju and wife Dr. Sahu. Raju is now retired from teaching law at the Andhra Pradesh University and

his wife who is also an attorney is waiting for a new assignment. For the past 28 years Raju has carried on the ministry founded and established by his father, the late Bishop Pushmanaptum, caring for the pastors and churches in numerous villages and towns in Andhra Pradesh. I knew Raju's mother but not his father. I wish I had because he worked in schools of evangelism, training ministers, and planting new churches with our dear personal friend, the late Gordon Lindsay, founder of Christ For the Nations in Dallas, Texas.



Photo: Harley with Raju and his pastors and evangelists attending the Pastors Conference

OUTREACH MEETING

Following six sessions of teaching and having special prayer for Raju's pastors and evangelists before returning them to their respective areas, Pastor Prasad came at 4:30 p.m. to take me to another meeting. We rushed to his church to pack up the van with equipment and students and headed out on a 2 1/2 hour drive to Peduguralla town.

It was in this town of over 170,000 people we conducted a major crusade one year ago. Pastor Basha, a graduated of the Bible school in Vijayawada is a former Muslim converted to Christ and called to preach the gospel. We helped him plant a new church in this town one year ago. With the few people he had and with many souls saved in our crusade he has done an exceptional job planting a new church. It was a great joy to see him and to take a personal look at his accomplishments in one year.

He has more than 100 people in his congregation. We did a roof top meeting with him as well with over 70 people attending and eighteen people receiving Christ as their personal Savior and more than that number receiving healing for their bodies.



Photo: Prasad, Harley, Pastor Basha and brother conducting roof top evangelistic service

This young man and his wife are so totally dedicated to this new work. I was so deeply touched and amazed. They have been able to purchase the land and build the foundation and floor for the new church building by their personal sacrifice and hard work.



Photo: Souls standing and lifting hands in response to the invitation to receive Christ at the roof top meeting in Peduguralla

Once they get all the walls up they can request assistance from a ministry who provides funding for the roofs. Meanwhile, they need at least \$3,000.00 for the walls. Seeing all they had done I felt impressed to help them. I told him I would raise the funds for the walls.

If you could have been with me and felt what I felt with this young pastor and his wife and people you would understand why I am moved to help him. I want to ask you to pray with me for this young pastor, his wife and family and their new growing congregation. Would you ask the Lord if He would have you to help these worthy servants of the Lord? Your gift, of any size, is very important and needed to assist with this project. I thank you for caring and doing what the Lord lays on your heart to do for them.

Without your prayers and financial support none of these glorious meetings would be possible. Donna and I are so very thankful for your faithfulness. We love you and we pray you will be blessed exceedingly abundantly above all you can think or ask as you continue your "walk of faith" and "labor of love" for HIM.

We look forward to hearing from you and when you write, please send your prayer request so we can pray with you for your needs.

To be continued...

Yours Partners in Harvest,

Harley and Donna Fiddler



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