

Letters from India

I have just returned home from an amazing visit to India. Evangelists Jerry Spencer, Ronnie Smith and myself spent ten days along side of CLF partner, Dr. Thomas and others hosting pastor's conferences in the southern and northern regions of India.

Our first stop was Southern India where we held two conferences for area pastors. One was held at a local church while the other was in the "hill country". While in that same area we visited the church we planted in the Tsunami Relief area. We heard testimonies from survivors, and members shared their desire to purchase land because of the growth they have been experiencing since the last time we were there.



Through the various ministries of Dr. Thomas, he has been able to reach many for Christ. He and his team have an orphanage that houses fifty-one children at the moment. Daily they clothe, feed, and educate these children. If it weren't for this orphanage the kids would be out learning the family trade or working in the rubber plantations, never having an opportunity for a solid, *Christian*, education.

Dr. Thomas also has a Bible School as a part of this ministry. Because of lack of funding the school has temporarily been shut down. Through this Bible school, pastors come and receive training and learn how to plant churches. Through this ministry fifty-one churches have already been planted! Without the school up and running it makes it very difficult to continue to plant effective, healthy churches.

After our time in the southern region, we headed north to Delhi where we held a four day conferences for pastors on the campus of All India Prayer Fellowship. 240 pastors, many traveling for several days to get there, came from the surrounding areas of northern and eastern India as well as Burma and Nepal.



After four days of preaching and training from sun up to sun down the pastors still wanted more! As they left to return home, they asked that next years conference go longer into the night with teaching and that we extend the days as well.

It is refreshing to know there are people who desire to hear the Word of God and devastating at the same time to know this continues to exist. There are pastors that are desperate for someone to train them, teach them how to study the Bible and lead others so they can return home and help those in their communities.

Many of these areas we visited are areas where believers are persecuted for their faith. These pastors are risking their safety to share the Gospel to those they love.

Please join me in prayer for these pastors and their churches. Pray the Lord would continue to raise up pastors and leaders to share the Gospel.

Pray for Dr. Thomas and the restoration of his Bible School. Just \$750 a month keeps the school running; housing and feeding 20 students and paying the needed staff. Please consider making a contribution to help restore this needed school.

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Thank you,

Jack Cummings,
Executive Director