



COORDINATOR

James Raj Kumar, with his wife, Kumari, is the key to having many evening Bible Schools in three states of India: 80 schools (619 students). James, himself took Bible training at Lock Street in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, which was begun by the late James Johnson of Canada in 1967. Dennis Johnson, his elder son, now works with that school.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

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Above an example of evening Bible schools is named where our brethren are training faithful men in eighty evening schools in India. These efforts are a drop in the bucket, but are a strong thrust in reaching the masses. Students meet three nights a week for three years. Many are already winning souls and planting churches. They meet in one room church houses, thatched sheds and small homes. Many will conduct their own evening schools upon graduation.

There are churches across the U.S. with fewer than 50 members, who are having difficulty finding a preacher due to a severe shortage of "tent making" preachers. There are thousands of churches that do have located preachers and good buildings. In light of this there could be hundreds, not to say thousands, that could begin intensified evening or Saturday Bible classes. The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy saying, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). All sound gospel preachers ought to take this command personally and put it into practice. Every member in the body from teen years to their senior time of life ought to first be taught how to win souls by being able to sit with someone and lead them to Christ. Elders ought to expect that those under their charge, health permitting, will submit to such training (Hebrews 5:12; 13:17).

A GRAND EXAMPLE OF U.S. EVENING BIBLE SCHOOLS

A practical example of churches having effective evening training programs are churches in Georgia. There are nine congregations (more are taking up the charge this fall) about the state that are conducting their own schools and producing workers for the Lord's vineyard. For information go to Bing: "Georgia School of Preaching and Biblical Studies or "e-gsop." Contact David Decker, Piedmont Road church.

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POPULATION

THE WORLD 7,350,000,000

USA 2015 - 325 Million

INDIA 2015 1.28 Billion (3.97 X U.S.)

"He (Jesus) said to them, **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."** (Mark 16:15-16).

At no time in the history of man did a commander-in-chief ever give a more expansive order to his troops than the one quoted above. Never in the history of the earth has there been such an enormous population to which that command applies. Such an order and such a mass of lost humanity make it imperative that those who are determined to spread the good news of the "the kingdom of Christ and God" (Ephesians 5:5) must recognize the continuing urgency of total commitment to this great cause.

YET CONGREGATIONS CONTINUE TO DISAPPEAR ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

According to the 2015 edition of *Churches Of Christ In The United States*, there were 13,155 congregations in 2003, with 1,656,495 adherents; the number of congregations fell to 12,963 in 2006; 12,629 in 2009; 12,447 in 2012; and 12,300 at the beginning of 2015 with 1,519,695 adherents. Meaning a 6.5 percent drop in congregations, and 8.3 percent in adherents in twelve years. (21st Century Christian, P.O. Box 40526, Nashville, TN 37204-0526).

MORMON DENOMINATION GROWS

The 4 largest denominations in the United States are: Roman Catholic with 68.2 million adherents; Southern Baptist Convention with 16.1 million; United Methodist 7.7 million and the Mormons 6.2 million. (http://hrr.hartsem.edu/research/fastfacts/fast_facts.html#numcong). An observation that can be made concerning these four largest denominations is that the first three generally grow because of tradition and custom, but the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" grows because of leg work, the riding of bicycles and the pounding of pavements. All young men are expected between the ages of 19-26 to do mission work for two years at their own expense. There is a similar program for young women, but not so stringent. ([http://www.mormon.org/Are all Mormons required to serve a mission?](http://www.mormon.org/Are_all_Mormons_required_to_serve_a_mission?))

SATAN THE ARCH ENEMY OF GOD & MAN IS WORKING

Satan failed to destroy the Christ; now his aim is to destroy the church of Christ. David wrote, "if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). We ought to recognize that 239 years ago God in His providence raised up these United States to provide an atmosphere where His servants could proclaim the truth as it is written in His word, but the foundations are being shaken from center to circumference.

(January 22, 1973) On this date the U.S. Supreme Court, supposedly from the constitution, created out of the whole cloth of thin air the right for a woman to kill her unborn baby. ([Roe v. Wade, Wikipedia](#)).

(January 22, 2015) More than 56,000,000 babies in America have been destroyed in the wombs of their mothers as if they were so much vermin since January 22, 1973. [National Right To Life. Com](#)

(July 14, 2015) A Planned Parenthood doctor discussed the sale of parts of aborted babies. (www.lifenews.com/2015/07/14/shock-video-catches-planned-parenthood)

(July 30, 2015) There are more than 1.4 million men incarcerated in the prisons and jails in these United States. (Wikipedia, [Incarceration in the United States](#)); 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in fatherless home. ([http://www.dads4kids.com:Statistics of a fatherless home](http://www.dads4kids.com:Statistics_of_a_fatherless_home)). Check the fatherless list of statistics at the bottom of the above web page.

(December 22, 2010) On this date President Barack Obama signed into law the repeal of the "Don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) law for the American military. Until that date, DADT had been the official government policy on service by gays and lesbians in the military. The law signed by Obama came into force on September 20, 2011. [Bing: Repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell."](#)

(May 21, 2013) "Military suffers a wave of 'gay sex assaults'" in the first full year after the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell." "The Defense Department survey of sexual assault in the military during the fiscal year 2012, estimated 26,000 assaults took place in the armed forces. Approximately 12,000 were women and 14,000 men. 2% of the perps were women and 98% men. "So we've got a male-on-male problem here," said, Elaine Donnelly, Center for Military Readiness, President. (<http://www.com/2013/05/military-suffers-wave-of-gay-sex-assaults>).

(December 13, 2013) "An activist federal judge ruled (today) that polygamy is now essentially legal in the United States. U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups recklessly decided that reality TV stars Kody Brown and his four "wives" could not be prosecuted for polygamy, even though the Utah law against the practice is the strongest in the nation." ([Tim Wildmon, American Family Association, P O Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803, December 16, 2015](#)).

(June 26, 2015), "A divided Supreme Court ruled in a five-to-four decision that same-sex couples nationwide have the Constitutional right to marry." ([Bing: Supreme Court Gay Marriage](#))

(July 27, 2015) "Bowling to pressure from gay rights groups, the **Boy Scouts of America** voted Monday to end its longstanding ban on **openly gay** scout leaders. <http://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/07/28/boy-scouts-end-national-ban-on-gay-scoutmasters>.

(August 1, 2015) Divorce rate in America is about 50% ([Bing: Divorce in America statistics](#))

!!BELOVED WE ARE AT WAR!!

That is not just a cliché that a preacher might use so often that it becomes redundant in the hearing of his audience. From the information laid out above it is obvious that never before have the churches of Christ in the United States been faced with a greater possibility that we could become a by-word or footnote in religious history. To briefly summarize, we face, 1) The challenge of leading the thrust to get the pure and unpervert gospel to 7.35 billion lost souls on this planet (Mark 15:15-16). 2) In America itself

we have lost 6.5 % of the congregations and 8.3 % of adherents. 3) Thirty-five years ago we and the Mormons were about the same size, but today they are four times as large as we. 4) The United States has deteriorated morally and governmentally to the extent that it strongly resembles Jerusalem and Judea in the time of Jeremiah. Note the prophet's words, "**Also on your skirts is found the blood of the lives of the poor innocents. I have not found it by secret search, But (have) plainly (looked) on all these things**" (Jeremiah 2:34; 19:4; 22:7); and again he quoted God, "**... No one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah**" (Jeremiah 23:14). Read of the horrors that came on "God's people" because of their ungodly ways (2 Chronicles 36:15-17).

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

Total mobilization!!! When the United States was challenged with world war on December 7, 1941, and that war on two fronts – Asia and Europe, the only answer that presented itself was total mobilization. Able bodied fathers and sons went to war; mothers and daughters worked in homes, on farms, hospitals and factories to provide material' in support of full mobilization.

Just so, those of us who are concerned for the kingdom of Christ and God (Ephesians 5:5) to advance the agenda of Jesus in the face of an enormous population and gruesome challenges of Satan and his fellow travelers must submit to full mobilization. The pip-squeak of a few minutes of Bible study in Sunday school with no memory work and no home work, then a few more minutes, sparingly attended on Wednesday evenings, is not getting the work done.

The Lord Jesus commanded the apostles, not only to preach to all nations, but to teach the obedient all things He had taught them (Matthew 28:18-20). Did that not include soul winning? If you will imagine a congregation of one hundred of today and ask yourself, what percent would you say can conduct a home Bible study to win souls? Three percent? Five? Did not the Spirit say to disciples who were laggards in becoming teachers? "**For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food**" (Hebrews 5:12).