

four great-grand children. By God’s grace for more than twelve years we have served with the Crossville congregation and under the oversight of the elders; all six of the current elders were present.

THE WORK CONTINUES TO INTENSIFY

By the grace of God as I noted before we presently are supporting 87 Bible schools in five states of India with 637 men enrolled and 112 women. This year in the matter of benevolence we are aiding the largest number of widows and abandoned sisters who have ever asked for help. Thus in the next two months we must provide for 225 widows: 221 milk cows and four buffalos. Each costs \$480.00. For another 118 widowed or abandoned sisters we must buy 590 (118 X \$60) goats.

In Christian love,

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JOYSINGH’S OCTOBER REPORT

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Dear brother Jim,

Greetings to you and your family in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am hoping that you all are doing fine by the grace of God. This is to inform you about the report of our evangelism in Hamren. I am very thankful to God for giving us the opportunity to preach the pure gospel to the people in Hamren, which is a small town in the hills of western Karbi Anglong.



Last Saturday (October 24) we went to Hamren. After we get down from the bus we went to home of brother Richard Tisso, who is serving as the evangelist with the local church. From there we went to brother Bronson’s house to encourage him and his family. They were very happy to see us. For the night we stayed in a place called the Dak-Bungalow which is a government guest house.

After waking up early Sunday morning we again made a brief visit to the Bronsons’ home and from there went for preaching to two families, whom we had taught previously. They live near Hamren’s new bazaar. I again preached to them about the church of the Bible or the original Church, and brother Adamson Kro, whom you know also teaches in the Karbi Bible Institute, preached to them on the subject of baptism. They were very happy to hear the word and after listening to Adamson they had many questions about baptism. They said for years, we are staying in the Presbyterian church, but no one was teaching us like this, but instead all the time they are telling their own experiences and giving their personal testimony.

That is the reason we do not know God’s word. Due to that kind of teaching many of our Presbyterian members went

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back to Hinduism.

They went with us to a pool and were baptized in that very moment for the remission of sins and to be in Christ's body. Their names are Sing Timung, an older man and his wife, Kaham Ter-onpi. They have three sons; one of their sons and his wife were already members of Christ.



Others baptized were Sing Timung's relative, Godwin Timung and his wife, Carlaisbon Hansepi. This couple has three children. In Him, Joysingh Enghi



NOTE: Joysingh included some pictures of the baptisms and sent a comment about them, including the mention of leeches in the water.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL

As I have written before, India, land wise, is one-third the size of the United States and it has a population of 1.28 billion, which is four times that of the U.S. There are twenty-nine states and five federal districts. Seven of those states as shown on the maps are located in the northeast where they border China on the north and Myanmar (formerly Burma) on



the east. The ethnicity of the vast majority of the 225 tribes of the region is not like the majority of Indians, but are Mongolian like the Chinese and Burmese.

This diversity is reflected in the Northeast Bible Institute (NBI), which uses English as the medium of instruction. Last year with 53 students enrolled there were twenty-eight languages among them. NBI is located in a small town called, Mirza, about twenty miles southeast of the capital of Assam, Guwahati. Scott Richards is the American who is mainly involved with the school, for he spends about eight months a year on site teaching and guiding the work and doing evangelism in the region.

The large number of languages represented in the school indicates the effectiveness of using English as the medium of instruction in reaching out to the seven states and the tribes among them. Assam is the largest among the seven and is colored green in the map; it is shaped like a chicken's foot. It consists of 27 districts the largest of which is Karbi Anglong. It has a population of about one million in a land area of 4,029 square miles which is comparable to the land area of the Hawaiian Islands.

The percentage of denominational people among the population in the northeast is much higher than it is in the other parts of India. The Karbi people in the last ten years have been the most receptive to the plea to return to the old paths of the gospel. This school was spun off from NBI in 2012; it enjoyed its first graduation in May this year. The principal is Joysingh Enghi. He is a graduate of NBI and not only so, but has become a scholar in New Testament Greek; thanks to brother Billy Simmons, who serves as an adjunct teacher

to NBI two months a year. During those two months he spends 4.5 hours a day teaching our students Greek five days a week. Billy and his wife, Donnis, make their home in Jefferson, GA. Joysingh is 24 years old and married to one of our girls who graduated from NBI. The report on the front of this newsletter is from him telling of his evangelistic work in October in addition to his teaching requirements in the school.

COMMENDING THOSE BEHIND THE SCENE

This newsletter, God willing, will enter its 50th year in 2016, since we began this foreign mission effort in 1967 in Pakistan. Through these years the readers have been kept appraised of what might be called a blow by blow "fight" against Satan and his fellow travelers, and of the work and its challenges. Those who have faithfully and generously supported this effort from one to forty-nine years are those behind the scene who truly deserve being honored as the home front who made the work possible. Paul by the Spirit wrote on this matter, when he said, "How shall they hear without a preacher? *And how shall they preach unless they are sent?*" (Romans 10:14—15). May the God of all comfort bless you for your part in this work of faith and labor of love. Although we may not meet in this life I look forward to seeing you and our fellow soldiers who have gone before on the morning of the resurrection.

NOVEMBER 4, 2015

I mention this date not to repeat the date of my 80th, but to thank all who sent cards; there were more than 130 of them and many had multiple signatures. Many sent gifts with the cards for work of training preachers and some sent especially to help buy livestock and other needs for the widows. One couple gave a check for the work made out for \$1,935.00, because he said "1935 was the year you were born."

Besides those who sent cards, between 145-150 came in person. Some from long distances, one brother whom I had baptized in Pakistan in 1969 came nearly a thousand miles from Canada. Our four children were there (Phil and Donna from Honduras) and a number of grand kids and