

## COMMENTARY

By Waldron

The above report tells of an increase in the selling of girls into domestic or sex slavery in India and of its rise in the northeast, particularly in the state of Assam, where we presently conduct two Bible schools and are seeking to open a home for orphans. Girls spoken of above are often lured into this abominable life through promises of lucrative jobs by touts. Not only so, but families that have more than one girl have been known to sell one or two in order to the pay a dowry to marry another. NGO stands for "non-government organization," which aid the authorities by providing care for the girls when they are rescued; because often parents do not want them back. The NGO's are usually run by Catholic and Protestant organizations; if girls are recovered through them they grow up in that atmosphere. Such an abominable life style for young people, not only affects India, but plagues other nations also. Note this report on Africa.

## AFRICA'S ORPHAN CRISIS WORSENS

Thirty-four Million Without Parents

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - "With diseases such as AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis continuing to claim the lives of millions of Africa's poorest adults, millions more children are being left homeless and orphaned. "Africa needs more than one billion dollars each year to care for the millions of orphans on the continent," an official spokesman for the United Nations recently stated. "In less than five years," the official continued, "there will be more than 50 million orphans in just 16 of Africa's 53 countries." (Bing, Orphans in Africa).

Beloved, the Lord Jesus, did not tell the Protestants, the Catholics, the JW's or Mormons to carry the life saving gospel to every creature; *they don't believe it*; but His command in Mark 16:15-16, was, and is to His disciples, who must, "hold fast to the pattern of sound words" (2 Timothy 1:13). Where are the preachers, who are spreading the pure word of God to the masses and where are the Christian women, who are needed to direct programs to care for orphans and girls, who might be snatched from a life that is a living death. Beloved remember this work and pray for us.

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## SPURT IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE NEWS

(These girls are sold into slavery)

SPL CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi January 1, 2016: "In what should be a cause for concern, human trafficking from Assam is on the rise, with some NGOs now planning to shift their focus to the North East as traffickers have started making inroads into the neighboring States of Meghalaya and Manipur.

Rishi Kant of NGO Shakti Vahini said they have decided to set up an office at Guwahati (Assam's capital) following reports of increase in trafficking from the North East including Assam.

According to figures of the Ministry of Home Affairs, 48 cases of trafficking from Assam were detected in 2014, while till September last year, 57 cases were registered.

In Assam, 1,597 girls were reported missing last year out of which 616 were traced, while the remaining were reported as untraced by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Rishi Kant said the girls from tea garden and tribal areas are often lured by agents with attractive job offers. "We have found out that two trains, the Avadh Assam and the N.E. Express, are frequently used by traffickers to transport the victims" he said. Shakti Vahini plans to track these agents who are working secretly but play a key role in the entire chain.

Underlining the need to probe the placement agencies, the NGO activists also stressed the need to launch a crackdown on the identified human traffickers by the local police. "For instance, Assam Police are yet to take any firm action against notorious trafficker Munna Choudhury despite police forces of other States like Delhi and Jharkhand Police having arrested him on several occasions," he said. (*The Asia Tribune, Guwahati, Assam, NE India, Jan. 1, 2016*). See the back page for comment.

**EARLY IN 2015 WE HELPED THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES IN NE INDIA WHO FLED TO GOVERNMENT CAMPS IN LATE 2014 DUE TO TRIBAL WARFARE  
THIS REPORT TELLS OF THE FOLLOW-UP ON THAT WORK OF BENEVOLENCE IN AN AREA CALLED KOKRAJHAR**

The young man, Surya Anbu, making this report is a graduate of and presently a teacher for the English Medium Bible Institute near the capital, Guwahati, of the state of Assam. His report reminds us of the kinds of successes and obstacles that our brethren faced in the first century as they spread the gospel from town to town.

Brothers Barnabas, Josh Tisso and I headed out for ten days evangelism in Kokrajhar, on January the 10th. On the next day, a Monday, we visited a village that has two parts to it: Asharabari 1 and 2.

On that morning as we were preparing to go to the first Asharabari, brother Barnabas said it would be better for us not to visit this village, because he had heard a report about the headman, Arjun Tudu, that people were afraid of him and that he did not want us preaching in his village.

On hearing this, one thing came to my mind, when I taught the book of Acts to our first year students in the Bible School I encouraged them, "don't be afraid if someone threatens you, but we should be like Paul and Peter;" since I had taught like that I wanted to practice it in my own life; so I said to brother Barnabas, "whatever it may be let us just go and talk to him (Arjun Tudu)."



SURYA ANBU & JOSH TISSU

ter to talk to our village people on Sunday at 12:00 when they usually gather for worship at the temple." This made us very happy, but we met him on Saturday (the 16th) and he told us that he would not be at the temple on Sunday and that we should come some other time; thus we had to cancel that meeting.

After leaving Asharabari 1, we went to Asharabari 2. Here we also met the village headman and the priest of their temple. We preached to them and when we finished the preaching I took the occasion to speak to the priest personally about idol worship. I said, do you know why we don't worship idols as the Roman Catholic do? God said in the Bible, that He is spirit (John 4:24), and since He is Spirit we don't use images to worship Him, but worship Him directly. At this the priest and the headman said, "ok you come on Friday (15th) at 11:00 for we will be gathering here for puja (worship) so you can preach to the people. We said yes, we will be coming on that day and left.

**Tuesday 01-12-'16**

Today we again visited Asharabari 1 with the desire to visit with those of a church in that village, known as the Believers Church. [This is a denomination, which believe that salvation come through repentance and faith in Jesus, without baptism into Christ (Romans 6:3-4). They have an Episcopal government with eleven bishops over the whole church (jw). The village head man was busy in some work so we waited for some time, then he came with some of his village people and we preached to them; some were convinced. The village head man said, you come on Thursday around 10 am I will gather the people and you can preach to them. We left as we were supposed to meet the Believer Church preacher, but unfortunately he was not there, so preached to a few people and left.

**Wednesday 13.01.2016**

On this day we visited Kajiyamatti and Bethelang Basti. In Kajiyamatti the people were full of liquor because of the puja (the temple worship service) and they were all completely out of control so left there. We could not preach there. In Bethelang Basti we preached and were able to arrange an appointment to hold a gospel meeting on Friday the 15th at 2:00 pm.



Meeting at Bethelang Basti

**Thursday 13.01.2016**

Today we went back to Asharabari 1 to hold the meeting. Forty-five people gathered all showed great interest. After our preaching the head man and the village people said come again and preach more, then we will think about baptism. Also there some young men who were interested to study the *Introduction To Faith*, so Barnabas took their contact number. This by the grace of God was a successful gospel meeting. Follow up will be done

**Friday 14.01.2016. Gospel meeting .**

We were supposed to have two Gospel meetings on this day, but the people had gone to river for their idol worship. They did not return in time, so we entered two houses and preached to them. Then returned to Bethelang Basti where we had been on Wednesday. There are only eight families in that village; fifteen people gathered to hear the gospel and accepted it as the truth, but they too said they want some time to think and to study more. We told them that we will keep on coming. I introduced brother Barnabas to them who is the regular evangelist in the area.

**Saturday 14.01.2016**

On this day we held a gospel meeting in Gorophila. In a house eighteen people came and we preached the gospel to them. They responded by saying it is good to know about Jesus and about salvation in Him and they said we want to hear more about how to become as a Christian. Leaving that house went to another house to preach, but could not because it was Puja time all were drunk and dancing in the road.

This all we were able to do; among these people who have never heard the gospel as it is written. Many want to know more about the truth. They all were very diligent in hearing it, so if we keep on focus they will obey the Gospel. We were supposed to stay there for some more days, but I developed a cold and diarrhea.

Not only so, but some trouble makers for the government declared a bundh (they declare a threat to any commerce taking place or travel over a two day period) for two days: so we returned to the Bible School at Mirza.



Meeting at Goropilla



Meeting at Asharabari. Josh Tisso in white circle.

work. He also stated it was good to hear all these things (from the gospel) because, "our people are worshipping stones and woods" (images made of stone and wood) and he said, "it is bet-