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## CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST NETS 748 SOULS

### SIXTY-FIVE CONGREGATIONS PLANTED

The pictures on this page give just a peek at the work done by 1,027 trained evangelists in south India in the ten-day campaign for Christ and His kingdom (December 26—January 4, 2017.) The picture at the left shows nine humbly dressed servants of Christ preparing to begin their day of evangelizing. The second picture gives an example of the hundreds of homes where the good news of Christ was preached to unbelievers. A close look will let you see the mark of the lady's religion on her head.



Here is a portion of a letter from J. W. Samson, a veteran evangelist, who works with brothers who conduct eight evening Bible schools in Tamil Nadu in the deep south of India: *"Greetings in our Lord's great and redeeming name; may the shade of our Heavenly Father cover his kingdom all over the earth. The campaign, named above was different from all the work in times past, because our brothers truly devoted themselves and rode their bicycles and motor bikes many kilometers through the hot sun in order to spread the Gospel from village to village and street to street. They were often missing their lunch, due to having no proper time to sit and eat, because everywhere people were inviting them into their homes to hear the gospel. Some challenges were thrown up and at times the brothers faced hindrances in various places. Many people were thinking that Christianity had been introduced from foreign countries and is a foreign religion. In order to combat this the brothers showed the Tamil Bible and explained the love of Christ, and in Jesus' own words from Mathew 28:18-20, that the gospel is for all nations. They also used John 4:24 and explained that our God is Spirit, John 4:24. Others used Acts 17:23-31, which includes,*

*"For we are also His (God's) offspring.' Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent" (verses 28-30). Other "brothers boldly used Psalms 115:2-8," which says,*

*"Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is (your) God?" But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them."*

*"All are thanking the Christians in America for this great chance to lift up the local congregations."*

From Jim: The vast majority of the 1,027 native Indian brethren who took part in this ten-day campaign had to take off from their regular jobs. Originally I had told another brother, James Rajkumar, who works with other churches that conduct evening schools, that we would give each brother Rs 2,500\ - to help with their personal expenses during the campaign for seven days, but they said we will work for ten days with that help. The rupee exchange for a dollar is 66.5. Thus the total given to each for the ten days was \$37.60.

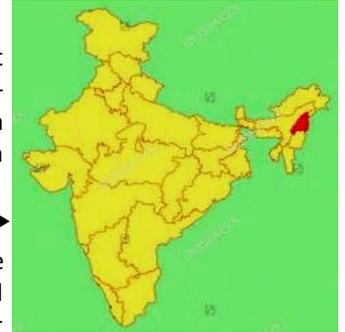
This campaign was conducted in three Indian states in the southern part of the country: Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Presently we are cooperating with 86 congregations in those states to assist them with evening preacher training schools that meet three nights a week. There is a total of 653 brothers who are enrolled; they along with the instructors were the largest contingent among the 1,027 campaigners. Others were previous graduates from various schools. Separate and apart from the 748 who were baptized in the ten-day campaign, James Rajkumar had written earlier concerning the work of students in 78 of schools that they had in 2016, who baptized an average of 102 each month or 1,224 for the year.

## SOUL SAVING IN THE NORTHEAST OF INDIA



Nagaland, one of India's smallest states is located in the northeast of that country. With its 6,401 square miles it is only two-thirds the size of the US state of Vermont. It has a population of just over 2,000,000. Its capital is Kohima. Dimapur with a population of 122,000 being its largest city. There are 17 major tribes in the state, with many subtribes; each having their own language. English is the official language and is used to communicate between the tribes. They are Mongolian peoples, very much like the tribes in North America, when the Europeans began to come here. Nagaland is one of three states in India that is predominantly made up of denominational churches. The Baptist church has a strong presence in the state.

In May of 2015 Sing Terang, a graduate of the Northeast Bible Institute, our English medium Bible School in Assam, began a fulltime two-year Bible Training school in the city of Dimapur. Presently there are 30 brothers enrolled and 8 sisters. Here is an interesting report from him of a new congregation recently begun in that city. Nagaland is shown in red on the Indian map.



He wrote on December 21, under the title, *Slowly The Faith Is Becoming Stronger*, telling of the way some new Christians, pictured above, stood for the truth. These young people had recently obeyed the gospel and they knew why they had done so. This is illustrated by their answers to those who asked them about their faith. Having been baptize scripturally they began to meet in the place that you see above. This caused some of the local authorities in the Baptist church to take note of them and questioned them about their baptism.

Sing wrote, the "... Baptist church gives baptism like joining the Congress organization (an Indian political party). This led the brothers in this new congregation (to) stand up for the truth when some leaders of the Baptist church in Dimapur City came to questioned them. They asked, "Where is your head office and (who is) your founder/leader, show us? The brothers in this new Dimapur congregation answered, "Take this Bible and read Acts 2:38, baptism is for the forgiveness of sins. Read Acts 20: 28-29, the church of Christ was bought by His blood. Read Matthew 16:18, the church of Christ is one. Read Ephesians 4:4-6," which tells about the one body."

"The City Baptist's people said, "Stop! We know Bible! Don't try to teach us. Our Baptist is very old, started from during John Baptist's time, Jesus also taken baptism from John Baptist." The brothers from the little church of Christ, answered. 'Okay then, in the Baptist church your leader is John Baptist and you all are John Baptist's peoples. And our Leader is Jesus CHRIST. And we are Christ's people.' At last they were angry and felt shame and gone."

### THE NEW YEAR BRINGS AN URGENCY FOR ALL IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TO STAND

I say the above because of such words by the Spirit, "***If the foundations are destroyed, what will the righteous do?***" (Psalms 11:3). The Nazis with their final solution destroyed 11,000,000 people, which included 6,000,000 Jews, 3,000,000 Polish "Christians" and another 2,000,000 men, women and children. But that atrocity pales in comparison to the work of the abattoirs of America, which have since January 22, 1973, destroyed more than 58,500,000 tiny babies. That evil came about due to the infamous ruling by the United States Supreme Court, which affirmed that babies in the womb had no rights to life. January 22, 2017, marked the 44th anniversary of this atrocity.

Christians must take a bold stand against such legalized brutality! Speak boldly against such acts of murder against the most vulnerable of human kind! Our "***God hates hands that shed innocent blood***" (Proverbs 6:17). Not only so, but the same court with different members proclaimed on June 25, 2015, that two of the same gender who act like the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah may proclaim they are married. God condemned the Judeans because of such crimes (Jeremiah 7:31; 23:14). And He has given warning to succeeding nations in our time (Jude 7), who do the same. The people of Jerusalem would not listen to Jeremiah and the city was destroyed.

Across America we as New Testament Christians must arise to call this nation to repentance. It is not going to be the politicians or the thousands of sects, parties and denominations in "Christendom" that will save this nation, but it must be those who are truly determined to stand for the truth. We must train more soul winners, more preachers of the gospel, who like Isaiah will say, "***Here am I send me***" (Isaiah 6:8). Churches across the land must awake to doing as the Spirit ordered in Two Timothy Two Two. We must not be like summertime soldiers and sunshine patriots in the house of God.

Through Isaiah God called out, "***Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins***" (Isaiah 58:1). **IF NOT US, WHO WILL?**

In Christian love,

Jim E. Waldron