



BUYING GOATS FOR WIDOWED SISTERS

You see three tiny kids on the left and me feeding one on the right. These three were given to me at a goat market in Kathipudi, Andhra Pradesh. I had been taken there by Nehemiah Gootam. But let me provide some background, before I relate the rest of the story.

Brother Nehemiah serves as the director of the Kakinada School of Preaching, which he began about forty-five years ago. Thousands of gospel preachers have been trained and thousands of churches planted. It was the occasion of me holding a gospel meeting service for one of those congregations that I was told about widows in the church and I volunteered to provide goats for them.

On May 30th we went to the Kathipudi market to buy goats for five widows; wanting to buy five for each sister. At the market buyers and sellers were haggling over prices. While we were watching three or four men came up driving a large herd. When the man in charge walked near, Nehemiah called him over and began to negotiate a price for twenty-five goats. The herdsman said, Rs 6,000\-\$93.62) each, but our brother said, No! Rs 5,000\-\$77.52). The price finally settled on was Rs 5,500\-\$84.61). Now about the three little ones.

A brother Rao was with us to transport the goats to the homes of the widows. Just before loading them he came to me and showed me the three kids and said that the herdsman had given them to me. I immediately told him that he could have them. Thinking that I would not see the goats again we left to go to a preaching appointment. To my surprise when we rolled up to the church building about 5 hours later, there were the 25 goats as the brother had brought them there to be distributed; the three little ones were lying to one side with their sides heaving. I realized that being in the truck all afternoon; they had had little or no sustenance. Although it was about time for the meeting to start I said we must find a bottle, a nipple and milk. It took a while, but we did and you see me above "nussing" one of the young'ns. To my joy the next morning I received the report that all had lived through the night and that the widows had agreed to find a mama for each.

Thanks for your participation in this work and for all the contributions for the tornado victims we were able to help.

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THE KARBI BIBLE INSTITUTE

Saturday, 6/24/17: this Bible school held its third graduation on this date. The thirteen young men and women pictured brought to 26 the total who have graduated from the school. Joysingh Ingthi (26), who is the principal of KBI began it in April 2013. It has a



two year curriculum that consists of 4.5 hours a day in Bible five days a week for two years. Karbi is the language of instruction. Among the many Bible courses taught, Joysingh teaches New Testament Greek. His fellow instructor is Adamson Kro. Karbi Anglong is a major district in Assam, a state in the northeast of India. It is one tenth the size of Tennessee with a population just over one million. The people of the Karbi tribe have proven to be very receptive to the gospel. The school is located in Diphu the headquarters of the district. In the afternoons students learn tailoring, weaving, driving and computers. Angela teaches traditional Karbi weaving to the girls.



Angela & Joysingh

THE POOR DEVASTATED BY THE TORNADO

June 11, 2017: From Joysingh,

Dear brother Jim, Greetings to you in the name of Christ, I pray that you are well by the grace of God. It is Sunday and just before worship, Joshep, a brother and gospel preacher brought four people from his village; he had preached to them over the past weekend. They were baptized into Christ before worship.

Concerning our work with the families, whose homes were destroyed by the tornado; we actually helped them last Friday (June 9th); it was a great thing for us to be able to do. They were very happy and everyone was saying that getting this much help from you all is the greatest need of our family; "for this is useful help."

The government provides rice, dal (lentils), potatoes, and other things. Also, a political party helped with mosquito nets and the Red Cross helped by giving a small blanket and some other things. Yet, the people were saying "no one helped with utensils like you have. You came house to house, and asked us our needs; and have helped with the things needed."

The headman and others welcomed us warmly; we told them that later we will come house to house and talk about how to get help with their spiritual life. We also distributed one box of "The Lion of the tribe of Judah and His Kingdom, which is about the Kingdom of heaven, which was founded on Pentecost; and the Bible study book: *Introduction to Faith* in their own language: Assamese.



Here are some details about the actual work of distributing the roofing tin and the vessels to the people. When we reached the area on Thursday it was raining hard; so, we unloaded everything and put them on the ground for the night. Two weeks before we interviewed the people and wrote down their names, so when they arrived Friday we were able to call them by name, and our students gave the items to them.

There were 455 families, and we supplied each, with one cooking pot, one smaller pot, one aluminum bucket, two spoons for cooking, one jug, one mug, three plates and three glasses. On our previous visit, we had given the sheets of tin to 305 families, so there were only 150 others, who needed the roofing.

While we, staff and students, were distributing the goods, Joshep and Kiron, a second-year student in KBI, who knows Assamese, preached to the people. Also, other students were able to preach to them in different places around the lot.

It was a very good thing that we were able to distribute these goods to them; for before we left, one man, a Hindu, came with some other leaders in the area and said, "I see many political parties, government groups, many societies or NGO (non-government organizations) coming and many other Christian groups from our area and from Karbi Anglong, but no one does things like you do. Others may send something by the hands of someone or a committee, but they do not distribute the items the way you do. This makes us very happy for our people; we Hindu people are not practicing such charita-

ble work, even till now; but from now onward you Christian peoples have shown us the way to help people. We too need to learn and do such kinds of work in the future. The way you have shown us is great, for it opens the hearts of people."



Before we distributed the things to the people we told them that we are not from any political party, nor from any denominational Christian group, but from Church of Christ or the Church that is found in the Bible. When we told them these things they were very happy and attentive to our brothers' preaching also. Hopefully, God willing, we will go again house to house and do more preaching to them. This is how our work was done on Friday.

In closing let me first say, we thank God for you and the brothers and sisters in the USA who helped in this great benevolence work. May Our God and Father return the blessings back to them because of the work of their hands.

In Him, Joysingh Enghi, Karbi Anglong, Assam, N.E. India

