

**TRAVELING: SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 30  
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flew south about 1,000 miles to Coimbatore, **Tamil Nadu**. Peter Wilson and Stan Perveen, picked me up and took me to the Tamil Nadu Bible Institute (TNBI) on the grounds of Angie Greene property. This Bible school is the two year Bible training program for young people whose ages are about 16 up to 21. The present enrollment is just over 150. It is a two year program. There is a small apartment of 250 square feet on the grounds where I stay.

On Friday, the 21st, Stan drove me to the town of Palakkad in the state of **Kerala**, where we have had a daytime Bible School for many years. It is conducted by a brother, Thampy Abraham, who is one of the three elders in the church that meets in the town. There were 24 brothers who received a Bible diploma after three years of study two weeks a month.

On the 23rd I preached for the church that meets in Ebenezer Hall which meets on the grounds of the orphan home known as Dav Anbu Elam, which was founded by Don and Cathy Iverson in 2011. The home is next door to the TNBI. This church has three elders.

That evening I took a bus about 225 miles northeast to Chennai, the state capital of Tamil Nadu. There the next morning, Monday the 24th, James Rajkumar with brother Prabudass picked me up and we drove north into the state of **Andhra Pradesh**. Enroute we stopped in the city of Nellore where I interviewed four preachers who wanted to get their congregation involved in Saturday Bible schools.

From Nellore we drove due north to Vijawada, which is a very large city in Andhra Pradesh; there we spent the night. On the morning of the 26th we went to a hall where we were to interview preachers who are conducting Bible schools. These brothers are all graduates. My desire was to meet them individually and try to ascertain their commitment to the faith.

There we met brother, Ratna Kishore Darelli, a local evangelist. He, James, Prabudass and I spent about 4.5 hours interviewing about 60 gospel preachers, who were wanting to continue to conduct Saturday Bible schools in their congregations. The vast majority were approved, but some were exhorted to attend such a school themselves.

That afternoon (26th) from Vijawada I flew back to Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, then on the 29th I spoke, at the third annual lectureship which is sponsored by the church in Coimbatore. Benjamin Aruldass and his brother James conduct this lectureship in the Tamil language.

On Sunday (9/30/18) I again spoke for the church that meets in Ebenezer Hall and when I extended the invitation three young men raised their hand wanting to be baptized. I asked the elders to take charge. When the baptisms took place three other young people stepped forward, made the good confession and were baptized.

On Sunday October 7th, I preached again for the local church, then Peter Wilson drove me to the Coimbatore airport. From there I flew to Chennai and from there northeast about 1,300 miles to Guwahati in the state of **Assam**. Ramesh Vellaian, principal of our English medium school and a brother Markus Enghi met me and took me to (Go to the inside page).

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# WALDRON NEWSLETTER

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The arrows, pointed at the states, which are named in red within the text, are Indian states where our work of evangelism and Bible training are going on. The dates above relate to my recent trip to the country. Since United Airlines has stopped flying out of Knoxville, on September 17th, I drove to Nashville, left my car with my brother, Bill at Mt. Juliet, then flew from Nashville to Newark, N.J. and from there to New Delhi, the capital of India. This flight takes 14 hours and India time is 9.5 hour ahead of U.S. eastern time; thus we landed in New Delhi at 9:40 p.m. on the 18th. I got a room in a small hotel and the next day flew to (Go to the back page)

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School at Mirza, a small town, eight miles south of the airport. We visited for about five hours then they brought took me to the train station in Guwahati.

The train left at 11:45 p.m. and arrived in Diphu just after 4:00 a.m. on October 8th. Joysingh, the principal of the Karbi Bible Institute, (there are 33 brothers and 32 sisters ) his wife, Angela and another sister met me. Took me to the school where I got a nap, and enjoyed a good breakfast at Angela's table. Two other brothers joined us for breakfast, Adamson Kro, one of Joysingh's fellow teachers and Jiten Rongpi, a local gospel preacher. Then Joysingh drove the three of us due east to Dimapur in Nagaland, where another brother, Sing Terang directs a Bible School. Sing has over the last four months been putting up buildings made of bamboo with tin roofs for the Naga school.

October 10, we went to see the six acres of ground which we bought 18 months ago on for an orphan home and new buildings for the Karbi Bible School. Joysingh had hired a back hoe to remove the stumps. Hopefully, if we have the funds, we can begin construction in 2019, for it is greatly needed. The head man of an isolated village of 8,000 two years ago asked if we could help them with about sixty-orphans who were eating house to house among the villagers. That evening, four of us, took an over night train to Dibrugarh where we met another evangelist, Jiten Enghi, whom we located there 3 years ago.

October 11, we were met by Jiten Enghi, who took us to a village where the church was started after he moved here in 2016. In this village I met a lady who is thirty-eight years old. Her story of becoming a Christian is very unique, which I will relate in December.

Also on this day brother, Lalit Lama, phoned me from Agartala in the state of Tripura and said a United Pentecostal preacher had issued a challenge to debate the question: into whose name one should be baptized, Jesus only or the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The debate was set up for Sunday evening the 14th.

October 13 Today Joysingh took me to the Dimapur airport and from there I flew to Agartala via Calcutta. Lalit met me and took me to an old lodge.

October 14 I preached for the small church that meets in Lalit's house. Only about a dozen were present. The debate began at 6:00. Not many were present. The Pentecostal members were eight or ten. The debate was to last two hour, with four 15 minutes speeches each, alternating. The Pentecostal man spoke first and

affirmed that baptism was to be in the name of Jesus only. In response to this I made the point that his doctrine of baptizing in the name of Jesus only was built on a "kutchā" foundation. "Kutchā" is a Hindi word, but is widely known across the other languages and dialects in India. It is often applied to muddy, broken or crumbly roads and even applied to a broken foundation in a house. My point being that his doctrine to baptized in the name of Jesus only, was due to his basic doctrine that there is only one in the Godhead.

I then proceed to show there is one eternal Spirit, *who* is manifest in three persons. The Hebrew word for God, *Elohim*, found in Genesis 1:1, is plural. In the English this is made clear in Genesis 1:26, for God said, "Let us make man..." His doctrine on baptism was worthless because it was based on a corrupt foundation.

Another point I made I had learned from a debate which brother G. K. Wallace had with a preacher of the "Jesus Only" persuasion. Wallace had started his first speech, by saying, "it is a shame to have to say, "here is a man who claims to be a gospel preacher and denies that God Has a Son."

The Jesus Only preacher got back up, as I presumed to deliver his second 15 minute speech, but he took five minutes or less and sat down, saying that he was finished. I took another turn, then fielded questions from his group for about forty-five minutes.

On Monday the 15th of October I flew from where the debate was held in Agartala, Tripura, again to Guwahati, Assam. From there Ramesh Vellaian, the brother who heads up our English medium school and I flew to Bhubaneswar the capital of the state of Odisha. About four months ago we planted an evangelist, Sumit Nayak and his wife and little boy there. I wanted to visit him and learn something about the work of the church in that state and its capital. Sumit is very much an active worker in the kingdom and is already active in holding gospel meetings.

Thursday the 18th, Ramesh and I left Bhubaneswar, he was going back to Guwahati and I was returning to Dibrugarh in order to go to attend graduation of the brothers from our Bible School in Jagun in Arunachal Pradesh.

Friday the 19th, The graduation took place in Lakla, Assam, which is about ninety miles north of Dibrugarh on the border Arunachal. There were five brothers to graduate. The principal of the school is Tang Kam, a graduate of the English medium school. That night I took a train back to Guwahati.

On Saturday the 20th I flew from the Guwahati airport via the city of Bengaluru to Coimbatore, in Tamil Nadu. On the 21st I again preached for the local congregation near the Bible school.

Between the 22nd and the 28th I stayed on the grounds of the TNBI, preached for the local church and did three interviews of brothers who have graduated from one of our Bible schools, who want to begin Saturday Bible schools in their locale. Out of about forty-two there were thirty-two selected. Yet, I said to them we do not now have enough funds to help with your schools, but God willing we will help in the New Year if the gifts come in. Each of the thirty-two can be expected to have about five students. Thirty-two teachers plus five students each means a total of 192 brothers potentially will be ready for Bible classes to begin Saturday January 5th. The cost is \$25.00 per individual per month. I tell these brothers we are not paying them a salary but providing for bus fare and a meal of beans and rice.



VELUSAMY AND HIS FAMILY

This brother, who is fifty years old, is a Bible school graduate and an outstanding gospel preacher. Both he and his wife, Latta, are blind, yet he preaches each Lord's day for the congregation near his home. In the last twenty-two months he has baptized 23 people. Their family includes two daughters, 14 and 12; and a new baby boy born a month ago.

After preaching again for the local church I left Coimbatore on the afternoon of Sunday October 28th flew to New Delhi and then on the eve of the 29th I flew via Newark to Nashville on the 30th where I was picked up by my brother Bill and his wife Freda.

In Christian love,

*Jim E. Wallson*