

"You will be interested to know; when we were at worship in Nagapattinam on Sunday I was sitting on the front row with two bags in front of me. One was a clear plastic sack containing rice. The other was covered with a cloth. I could not see what was in it, but it was moving. While carefully watching it, I suddenly saw a rooster come out. A sister came forward, caught it and put it in a safe place. We came to know that it was brought as an offering to God. When I conducted the Lord's supper I mentioned about such offerings. Soon in this place, Lord willing two brothers are going to be appointed as elders.

"Brother, the areas where we were, the goat sizes were smaller than in other places. Even if pregnant, often they were small. So, we were able to buy more than the previous limit. For an example if you had sanctioned seven goats, it was assumed that one would cost Rs. 4,500|- (\$70.31), thus seven would cost Rs. 31,500|- (\$492.18), but, for this amount we were able to buy more than seven; some times two more goats and some kids with them. In two or three months the widows will have a big flock as the kids mature. P. Wilson.

### JIM'S COMMENT

As noted above James Rajkumar and his son-in-law provided 443 widows livestock or someway to have a small business. Peter Wilson and Ravichandran are responsible for the needs of another 188; making a total of help supplied for 631 widows, most with children at home. Thus sister Virginia Rothery, who handles the receipts and outlays for this work sent in January and February \$187,563.00 for widows and fatherless children. That works out to be an average of \$297.25 per household. These are the homes of widows in three states; which have a total population of 172,000,000, in which by the grace of God we have sixty-one evening schools of preaching with 403 brothers enrolled. These things brought to mind the word's of the apostle Paul, "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and forever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21). I do hope that all of you, who gave to this project will rejoice in spirit that God is glorified in the church of His Son in this generation. Also in light of this I want to say that we received numerous letters from Bible class teachers that told of the enthusiasm of their students in taking part in this project. Greet all them with love for their care for widows and children without fathers. As you read this I will be gone to the field myself; and as I do, I cannot help, but reflect of the fact the blessed way that you of all ages support and hold up this work in your prayers to God. Thank you. \*Because buffalos are so expensive some

asked to use the money sanctioned for goats to buy a buffalo calf.

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## SUMMING UP WIDOWS' HELP

In the February Newsletter, we gave a preliminary report that 162 widows, had received help as they say, "to pull-on-their-lives." Later two other reports came that sum up the efforts to help the widows in the first two months of 2018. The first one was from James Rajkumar, who with his son-in-law, Arun, worked in three states purchasing goats and other things to help widows and fatherless children. Including the above number the total number of widows they helped was 443. Here is a list of purchases, 1) 348 widows received goats; 2) 42 asked for a young \*buffalo, whom they can raise; 3) 23 wanted clothe to sell; 4) 13 wanted rice to sell; 5) six wanted sewing machines; 6) six wanted items to stock a petty shop; 7) Four wanted items to set up a sweet shop; 8) one: small boxes to sell.



### THE SECOND REPORT ON HELPING WIDOWS



The second phase of suppling goats for widows was by Peter Wilson and S. Ravichandran, one of three elders in the church at Chettipalayam. Their work, although, in one of the three states, worked by James Rajkumar, was in a different part of that state.

Peter wrote, we "worked in two areas in the state purchasing goats. Not only did we purchase goats for them, but we encouraged them to send their children to the Bible School for young men and women at Chettipalayam, when they finish high school; they agreed to do so; thus we hope to have a larger enrollment this coming June.

We also encouraged them to be faithful to the Lord always, because God will reward them in Heaven. We encouraged them, to give the first fruits of their livestock to God as an offering. (Go to the back)

## DENTAL ASSISTANTS GRADUATE



### TRAINING YOUNG WOMEN TO BE DENTAL ASSISTANTS

The gentleman second from the left on the first row is a dentist, Dr. Kumar, the lady seated next to him is his wife, Reena Devi. She too is a dentist. The next two you know well, Peter and Mercy Wilson. Mercy is the principal of our women's school. The six girls on the back row are students from the Bible school. They are from left to right, D. Swetha; M. Shilpa; P. Kaviya; K. P. Rajeswari; P. Leediyal Shantha Rubini and R. Daisy.

Kumar is a skilled dentist, whom I have used for years for my own dental care. He and his wife have also assisted in dental treatment for our students. About a year ago he explained to me that he wanted to create a program where dental assistants could be trained as there was a dearth of such in the state, and he said he would like to have our students in the school.

From its beginning the Bible school has required students to spend the morning hours in Bible classes and the afternoons taking computer training, tailoring, studying for their GED, or taking college courses via correspondence. Now thanks to these two young doctors the girls have the opportunity to learn an excellent marketable skill. They received their certificates on March 17. These six girls along with twenty more will graduate from the Bible school in a village called, Chettipalayam in Tamil Nadu on April 28th. There will be twenty young men, who will also complete the two years of study. Their average age is 19-21.

## DIBRUGAR, ASSAM



The city, Dibrugarh, pictured above is known as the Tea City of India, because of the great amount of tea, grown in the area. The population is about 186,500 and there is only .27 percent among them who are known as "Christian." In another way to say that is to say 99.73 are unbelievers.

The young man seen third from the left in the picture on the next page moved to Dibrugarh a little less than three years ago to do the work of an evangelist. He had worked there before and a small congregation was in the city. We asked him to return; he agreed.

His name is Jiten Engti; married with two children. He moved back to the city to resume the work with the church; and one can say he hit the ground running. Besides preaching and doing personal evangelism, Jiten began an evening Bible school in the fall of 2016.

He is zealous to preach following the example of Philip the evangelist, of whom it is written, *"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women"* (Acts 8:12).

Here are some examples of his house to house preaching. He wrote, on "March 3, 2018, Brother Amrit and me went to Kuhiar Bari, where two families of eight people were gathered. They are idols worshippers, so we preached to them about God from Genesis 1:1, where it is written, *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* And Psalm 115:3-8, which speaks of unbelievers saying of believers, *"Where is their God? The answer is, "our God is in the heavens: He has done whatsoever He has pleased. Their idols are*

*silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat"* (Psalm 115:3-7).

Again Jiten, "On 3-17-2018, Brother Amrit and me went to the Sesa Tea Estate, where about thirteen people gathered, we preached about the Kingdom of God from Acts 8:12,13. They want to know more about the Kingdom of God and welcome us again."

Concerning the evening school, which meets three evenings a week Jiten gets the students to pass out tracts and learn other ways to be involved in teaching from house to house. There are now three congregations meeting in and around the city. They are different neighborhoods around the city, which are known as Hal-dibari Borpathar, Bogibil and Lekai.



The picture shows three women and one man, partially hidden, who were baptized on the 8th of April.

When we reflect on the work of Jiten and the new disciples, who are learning from him and helping with the work; it is amazing they realize that the battlefield for them is in a city where 99.73 of the people do not know of the living God, His Son or His kingdom.

But what joy to know that the gospel of light is being zealously taught among them. It strongly illustrates the urgency of training more of our own young people to give up the glitter of mobile phones, sports and a soft life and tell the world of Jesus.