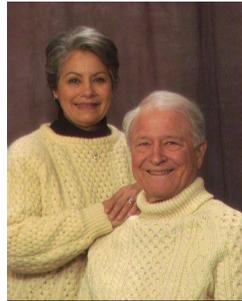




## Team Working In Haiti



March 17 the above pictured team members will travel to Haiti. Dr. Don Ott will be teaching the Haiti Preachers in a special week-long intensive Bible study and also Dr. Ott will teach a course on Counseling.



Lori and Lacey along with Reggie and Esther will be spending the week working at the new JESUS LOVES ME HOME in Gonaives. Although the new home has been completed and the orphans are living there, much remains to be done. There are entrance steps to be built at the 2 dorms and many items are needed for the kitchen.

Please pray for this team as they travel and work in Haiti.

### Immersion in 2008



**4,719 have been immersed into Christ during 2008. White Fields world wide ministries now assists 310 native evangelists in 33 different nations. These evangelists, along with our American and Australian team members, report 4,719 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January & February. It is a great victory and we give all praise to God. Thank God for His victory and for the souls won to Christ through the power of His gospel.**



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## 4,695 Souls Won To Christ In India Campaign



pictured are the India team members: Evangelists: Doug Willis, Ron Hoyer, Barbara Barger, Reggie Thomas, Joshua Blizzard, Becky Maytubby, Blythe Robinson, and Larry Woods not pictured were Alan Horne, Ethan Allen, and Nathan Jones.

At the time we sent you the February newsletter the India campaigns were not quite complete. We reported one month ago 4, 222 souls won to Christ. Since that time Doug Willis and Mike Pemberton completed the final week of preaching and so we now report the final total 4,695 souls won to Christ during the January and February preaching campaign in the villages of India. All praise to God.

Now we give you reports from some of the team members: First from Evangelist Doug Willis

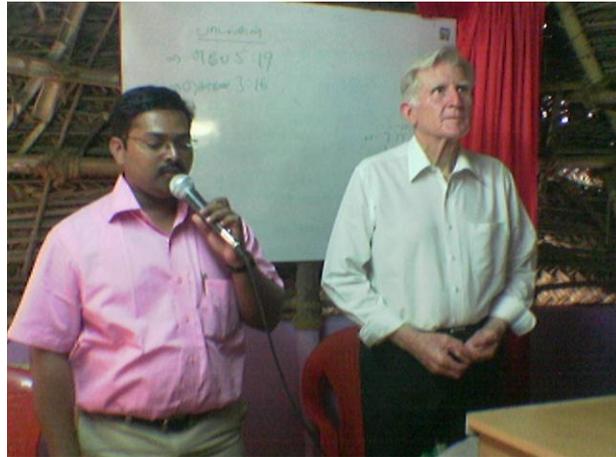
### ROUGE RASCALS RAID our ROOM Indian report February 2008

Eathan and I arrived home early on the morning of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February after preaching and teaching for three and a half weeks in INDIA. We were part of a larger team of three Australians and eight Americans. We preached to idol worshipers, nominal Christians, drunkards and pagans and we had the joy of witnessing almost **4,700** souls confessing faith in Christ and being **baptized** for the remission of their sins.

During this visit, five preachers and elder's seminars were conducted and 123 attended the final seminar at the Australian base in Ammambakkam last Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. I was on my feet teaching from Deuteronomy for over five hours, plus many hours were spent counselling leaders who travelled up to **700 km** to attend the seminar. We ourselves travelled hundreds of kilometres over unbelievably rough roads packed with animals, vehicles and pedestrians to preach in the villages. God answered your prayers and we were saved from many close shaves, many of which you have to experience to believe!



## Rouge Rascals Raid Our Room by Doug Willis



One morning we left our hotel room on the third floor with the windows open to help dry our washing. When we returned later in the day the hotel staff excitedly told us our room had been **ransacked by thieves**. When we opened the door of our room we saw an absolute mess. Scraps of food, dirty beds, floor messed on, cloths pulled down, a bedroom light broken, my tooth brush in the sink as if it was used by the intruders - who turned out to be five monkeys!

Last Monday we visited one **Tsunami** area where I had delivered relief in early 2005. It was thrilling to see the change. One Christian school has relocated in a new building

and has recently been given a **top award** for the School and Manager. They care for almost 100 children who had lost either one or both parents, or whose parents had lost their livelihood. They now have 700 students and 40 very proficient teachers. Our workers have also established churches and a sewing centre in the area.

Except for the poor villagers, **India is rapidly changing**. Huge factories and industries are developing. Village people are still responding gladly to the gospel. There is a real need for trained and qualified teaching elders and preaching evangelists. Our goal is to establish several Bible Colleges and Mobile Training Centres in rural areas. We have the personnel and materials, but we lack the means. Please join us in prayer about this.

During this trip, Eathan preached his first sermon, saw his first converts and conducted his first baptisms. *The Lord be magnified!* (he is only 15). **Will you consider coming with me on my next visit?** I have so many invitations, from the Northern states to the very Southern tip of India. Please pray about this.



## Ron Hoyer In India

Spending time in India this year reminded me of several things. People are basically the same, regardless of the country they live in or their culture. Human nature is standard. The Toda people of Ooty, India want the best for their families. They desire success, happiness, education, and freedom. They long for their children to be healthy and happy and for life to be better. They have the same fears. They suffer sickness, despair, death, shame, and guilt. They have the same needs; to be forgiven, to have love, and hope. The headlines



in the newspapers in Madras read similar to ours. They speak of tragedy, financial despair, family problems, natural disasters, and crime. One article told about a mother and her two children being run over while they slept at a bus stop.

The impact of sin is the same anywhere. Idol worship, paganism, greed, envy, etc.. takes a toll no matter what country you live in. Americans may not have stone idols but we have plenty of idols! All humans are under the influence and power of Satan....until they know Christ. When people accept Christ, the transformation is plain to see. Christ crosses all barriers and transforms lives. He gives forgiveness to the unforgiving, hope to the hopeless, freedom to the captives, and joy to the sorrowful. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is universal.

One day as we made our way to the river for baptism, I noticed a fairly new grave on the riverbank. It was a lone grave with no marker, covered by sand and rocks. It broke my heart to realize that we were too late to help that person. More than likely, they went to their grave having never heard the name of Jesus. It was too late for them but it isn't too late for the thousands left who long for something or someone they cannot identify. We know who they need and they need Him now. It is urgent that we carry the Gospel to the unreached people of the world. They are waiting for us....and for Him.

# Village Evangelism In India



Each day while our team was working in India we would arise early and following breakfast in our rooms (a packet of oats, a packet of tea, a cracker and jelly) we would meet for prayer and then with our Indian counterparts we would travel by taxi cabs into the villages for the preaching of the Gospel.

The Indian preachers would precede us and gather the crowd. Upon arrival we would greet the people and after singing and prayer we would preach and then

give the invitation to accept Christ. Those who responded favorably were then invited to walk with us to the nearest body of water where we would conduct the baptismal service.

Following the baptisms we would speak with



the crowd about faithfulness to Christ, the importance of worship, and the Lord's Supper, and then we would present a Bible to each convert and urge them to read and study their Bibles daily.



# Sathya Suffers Heart Attack-Has Open Heart Surgery!

For the past 37 years Brother Sathya has been Reggie's constant companion and his VOICE in India. Sathya began translating for Reggie in 1971 when he was a very young man. After he completed Bible College he became a very powerful preacher in India. Sathya has been a leader of Preachers, a recruiter of Preachers, and a pioneer church planter that we have never seen anyone else ever equal. During the past 37 years Sathya has led the way and inspired other preachers to help in establishing nearly 200 congregations.

You can imagine how shocked we were and how helpless we felt when 2 weeks before our departure for India we learned that Sathya had suffered a heart attack and was in critical condition in the hospital. Sathya needed an angiogram and then open heart surgery. The doctors and hospitals in India are very cruel. they will do nothing without cash in advance. We thank God for IDES and for Christian friends who came to the rescue. God answered prayer and through His servants provided and the open heart surgery was performed. Sathya came through this and made a marvelous remarkable recovery.



pictured are Barbara Barger, Reggie, and Sathya in the hospital just prior to the open heart surgery.

Pictured below is Sathya with his Sons in laws.



## Planes, Trains & ... OXCARTS!



During our many evangelistic trips to India we have traveled by every conveyance known to man: plane, train, bicycle, taxicab, tricycle etc. This trip we had to resort to OXCART!

Yes, here is the photo to prove it! One day we traveled 3 torturous hours over rocks, ruts, trails, and finally through mud holes until the taxi could go no further. We were attempting to reach a village that had been destroyed by the great tsunami 2 years previous.

Our Indian Preacher finally told my sister Barbara and myself that we would have to travel the next 3 kilometers by oxcart. We got on the cart and then began the most torturous part of the journey. For the next hour we were bumped, jostled, and jolted in an unbelievable journey until we finally arrived at the village right on the coast of the Indian ocean.

We were greeted by the survivors of the great tsunami. They told us horrible stories of the great wave that swept in on Sunday morning when 10,000 people lost their lives in one second's time.

We preached the Gospel to the people of this village and gave them the hope of Heaven. We rejoice for those who accepted Christ and obeyed Him in baptism.



## Barbara Barger Writes From India

I wrote in my journal one of the last days of meetings in the villages, "I feel like I have been beaten with a stick." All the bouncing around in the cars made my body hurt everywhere. But I was still thankful to be there and get to sing and teach the children. The people are so appreciative of our coming. They are such gentle people.

We were back in Chennai the last 3 days. Reggie and I went to the Beulah Christian Church. This is the largest Christian Church in that part of India. They have without any doubt the loudest music ever, anywhere.

There could not be any rock concert any louder! I had cotton stuffed in my ears and it still hurt my ears and my chest vibrated. They are good singers and the music is good, but LOUD. I will never complain about the music being too loud at our church! Ha!

Please pray for Ezra's wife. She was having surgery after we left for tumors. They do not think they are cancerous, but they want children very much and she may not be able to conceive. They have been married 4 years.

They gave us a unique send-off the last night. Ezra had 2 huge firecracker, larger than an aerial bomb. We were a little nervous. However, he lit it in his hand. There was a LOUD explosion and gobs of confetti and fake money blew out, plus great gobs of smoke.

We left the hotel at 10pm on February 4. A long ride with tons of traffic to the airport. Our plane left at 2:20am February 5th...9 1/2 hours to Frankfurt...3 hours lay-over...9 1/2 hours to Chicago...2 hours lay-over...supposed to be 12 hours to Tulsa. We were delayed taking off. When we arrived in Tulsa we circled the field 2 times and then the pilot came on and said those awful words I really never wanted to hear, "Folks, we will have to make an emergency landing. Our indicator light tells us the nose gear is not down and the tower cannot see it, so we will take every precaution."

So the stewardess told us what to do. I'm sure most of us prayed, I sure did. And we crossed our arms and put our heads in between our arms. The plane touched down without any trouble. Praise God! Either the indicator light mal-functioned or God did a miracle. Either way God brought us safely home. Better late than never. Amen.

