



Report From The Deightons ~ Mission To Ukraine

*"...Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born..."*



A Note from Della

This is the time of year when we stop to say a special "Thank you" to God and to each of you. (Not that we don't do it other times during the year as well! ☺) I read this quote from Og Mandino a few days ago and thought about all of you. *"Treasure the love you receive above all. It will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished."* We appreciate very much your love, your prayers, your notes, and your financial support for Overseas Outreach. We pray that Our Father will smile on each of you and send some special blessing to bring you joy.

Greetings from Rick

As you have already realized, this time the opening paragraphs were written by Della, and I am the tag-along. I want you to know that we treasure your friendship, and when I think of you and pray for you, my heart smiles. What a wonderful reunion we will all enjoy together worshipping Jesus before the Throne! Please accept this letter as our Christmas greetings to you. Please kick back before your fireplace, put your feet up on the hearth, read and pray over our requests, feel the warmth of the love of God in Christ soaking into your soul, and let that warmth of His love spill out all over your family and friends. If you don't mind, let a little of it spill over our way (we love getting love letters!!!).

Now, after that warm introduction I must re-introduce you to the fact that we live in a fallen, rebellious, sin cursed world – the world that crucified Love Incarnate when He mirrored the perfect image of Almighty God in human flesh.

May your Christmas be filled with quiet, peaceful moments of reflection on God's greatest gift to us - His Son!

~ Rick & Della

Immersion in 2008



6,369 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 6,369 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January thru December. 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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12 Member Soul Winning Team Departs For India



January 22, 2009, 12 White Fields Overseas Evangelists will depart the USA bound for the second largest nation in the world--- INDIA . The population of India now is poised to surpass that of China . 1 out of every 7 persons on the face of the earth is an Indian. Our team will be facing a population of idol-worshipping Hindus. 82% of the population of India worships idols. You will see the idol gods everywhere----statues of monkeys, elephants, lions, tigers, and other animals. Statues of naked men and women—all classified as gods. Everywhere you will see people bowing to these idols.

It is a tremendous challenge to preach the Gospel in a society of idol worshippers. They are very religious but they believe in a multiplicity of gods (33,000,000). Hindus believe that the sun, moon, stars, and all animals and insects are gods. They also believe in re-incarnation—so don't step on a fly or bug because that may be you Grandmother!!!!

WHITE FIELDS OVERSEAS EVANGELISM has been actively engaged in an effort to evangelize India for the past 37 years. During this time several hundred congregations have been established. We also have 5 orphanages that White Fields workers have established. 3 of these we are supporting directly and the other 2 are in need of support.

Our Evangelistic teams in India are conducting 3 meetings each day per team. We have 7 teams working so that means 21 meetings per day. We have constructed 5 church buildings during 2008 and will be dedicating these buildings. In addition to the teaching, visiting, perching, baptizing, and counseling that is going on the team members must travel over very dangerous roads to reach the villages. Please pray for our team, and pray for our Indian team. Pray for souls to be won to Christ and pray for the safety of all involved in this tremendous undertaking.

Pictured: Reggie Thomas, Barbara Barger, Bill Clark, Doug Willis, Blythe Robinson, Lydia Abbott, Ron Hoyer, Larry Woods, Barry Kermeen & Jeff Badgero. Not Pictured: Gary Mershon, Eathan McDonald



India In A State Of Crisis

In addition to the Muslim Terrorist attack that occurred in Bombay (Mumbai) which has been told to the whole world, Christians have been under ruthless attacks in Orissa state. Our life-long friend and servant Bernie Getter has been sending regular reports of these attacks. We also present this request for prayer from other missionaries and churches in Orissa.

We have never seen anything like this. We knew that Orissa was the most resistant and hostile State in India as far as the Gospel is concerned. And we brushed off the continuous threats and harassment we faced as we went about His work. But none of our staff imagined that they would see this kind of carnage.... And it seems to be totally under the radar of the Western Media ...

Let me explain.... A militant Hindu priest and 4 of his attendants, who were zealously going around the villages of Orissa and 'reconverting' people back to Hinduism, were gunned down by unknown assailants in Central Orissa last weekend. Immediately the Christians were blamed. The cry rose up... 'Kill the Christians!' And the horror began.... In the past 4 days, we have first hand witness to hundreds of churches being blown up or burned and many, many dozens of Christian tribals have been slaughtered. For no other reason than they bear the name of Christ.

Night and day I have been in touch with our Good News India Directors spread across 14 Dream Centers in Orissa... they are right in the middle of all this chaos. In Tihidi, just after the police came to offer protection, a group of 70 blood-thirsty militants came to kill our staff and destroy the home. They were not allowed to get in, but they did a lot of damage to our Dream Center by throwing rocks and bricks and smashing our gate, etc. They have promised to come back and 'finish the job.'

Our kids and staff are locked inside and have stayed that way with doors and windows shut for the past 3 days. It has been a time of desperately calling on the Lord in prayer. More police have come to offer protection. In Kalahandi, the police and some local sympathizers got to our dream center and gave our staff and kids about 3 minutes notice to vacate. No one had time to even grab a change of clothes or any personal belonging. As they fled, the blood thirsty mob came to kill everyone in the building. We would have had a mass funeral there, but for His grace. In Phulbani, the mob came looking for Christian homes and missions. The local Hindu people, our neighbors turned them away by saying that there were no Christians in this area. So they left.. We had favor. The same thing happened in Balasore.



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PRaise THE LORD FROM R. JAYAKUMAR & THE SOUTH INDIA PREACHERS

We faced many trials temptations and problems in last month November '2008' but our mighty God gave strength to over come from all our burdens.

We the preachers and co-workers had another festival of full night prayer for November '2008' in Ollivedu village that is Venkatagiri Area Last year our beloved Evangelist Joshua and Beaky preached in that village and dedicated new church building in that village.

Our preachers shared their wonderful experience of Lord's leadings in their ministry. Bro Jayakumar shared that he was preaching the Good news in a new village which is preparing her January '2009' meeting.

In the middle of the sermon a small boy came and stood in the gathering and asked who angles are? Show me the Angel? The entire congregation stunned and exclaimed and also they were expecting what answer from the mouth of preachers. But he showed and pointed the preachers and co-workers who were standing in front of the gathering they surprised and asked how it is possible? He explained that Angels are God's messengers they revealed God's plan to prophets and people the Angel Gabriel revealed about the plan of Jesus birth in earth. He shared Good news to shepherds Gabriel revealed to magi not to tell about to King Herod about the birth of Jesus. So, now a days the Angels are not appeared but our Lord gave and Hand over to reveal the God's plan through his preachers so whose ever reveal the good news and things about heaven they are called angels. Each one of the preachers those who are living in Universe are called Angels. All the gathering marvelled and believed Jesus Christ preachers got strength to proclaim the gospel through this message all the preachers and co-workers wondered how God gives the position of angel to them. All the preachers rejoiced and thanked God for that message some of the preachers prayed with great Joy. They felt Holy Spirit is with us.

Bro Abraham one of the preacher told when he was praying to a woman the demon came out from her and she became Normal. Whole village people believed Jesus Christ.

Bro uday and his team were preaching in new area some of higher officials came and enquired them who are you? What are you talking about but after their Answers they satisfied and asked to pray for them? We thanked God for the official did not give any harm to our preachers.

We thank our white field brothers and sisters for equipping us by their supports and prayers. I pray to God to pour hundred folded blessings upon each one of the supporters. We thank our white fields for 5 church building in which are provided by them. God bless all the givers who gave for glory of God.

Thanking you. Yours lovingly, For south India preachers and Co-workers of church of Christ, R.JAYAKUMAR

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REPORT FROM ELENA FILEV MACEDONIA/BULGARIA

(It has been sometime since we have had a report from Elena. She had been working in Macedonia trying to start a "house church" but has now moved back to her home in Bulgaria and is continuing her orphanage work there.)

Dear White Fields Friends:

Today We visited the orphanage children and gave them a Christmas program and shared some gifts with them. One church from USA sent gifts for the children and I delivered them. It was such a blessing time to be with them, talking, playing, singing. They are so lovely.

But from another side so sad. In the orphanage there are more than 100 children but now they are on vacation and 40 of them don't have anywhere to go for Christmas. They have no family, no relatives, they are alone and must stay in the orphanage. Most of them are gypsies.

One girl came to me and said that this summer she went to visit her aunt. Her aunt agreed to take her for the weekend. During this weekend her aunt tried to sell her for money as a prostitute. But the director called the police and saved her. So many stories like this. The orphans don't have a future. The state is responsible for them until they are 18 years old. Until then they must live the orphanage. After they leave the orphanage most of them don't have anywhere to go and no way to make a living.. For this reason most of them turn to crime or become a prostitute.

My heart is broken looking at these children, They have never known what it means to have a family or hug or kiss from their mom. But they are so nice and lovely. If we can only get the word of God into their hearts their lives can be turned around. Pray for these lovely children.

Much love,

Elena

India In A State Of Crisis

All our dream centers are under lock down with the kids and staff huddled inside and police outside. The fanatics are circling outside waiting for a chance to kill. Others were not so fortunate. In a nearby Catholic orphanage, the mob allowed the kids to leave and locked up a Priest and a computer teacher in house and burned them to death. Many believers have been killed and hacked into pieces and left on the road.... even women and children. At another orphanage run by another organization, when this began, the Director and his wife jumped on their motorbike and simply fled, leaving all the children and staff behind. Every one of our GNI directors that I have spoken to said: 'We stay with our kids.... we live together or die together, but we will never abandon what God has called us to do.' More than 5000 Christian families have had their homes burned or destroyed. They have fled into the jungles and are living in great fear waiting for the authorities to bring about peace. But so far, no peace is foreseen.

This will continue for another 10 days.... supposedly the 14 day mourning period for the slain Hindu priest. Many more Christians will die and their houses destroyed. Many more churches will be smashed down. The Federal government is trying to restore order and perhaps things will calm down. We ask for your prayers. Only the Hand of God can calm this storm. None of us know the meaning of persecution. But now our kids and staff know what that means. So many of our kids coming from Hindu backgrounds are confused and totally bewildered at what is happening around them. So many of their guardians have fled into the jungles and are unable to come and get them during these trying times.

Through all this, I am more determined than ever to continue with our goal: the transformation of a community by transforming its children. Orissa will be saved... that is our heart's cry. If we can take these thousands of throw-away children and help them to become disciples of Jesus, they will transform an entire region. It is a long term goal, but it is strategic thinking in terms of the Great Commission.

What can you do? First, please uphold all this in fervent prayer. Second, pass this e-mail on to as many friends as you can. We must get the word out and increase our prayer base for this is spiritual warfare at its most basic meaning. We are literally fighting the devil in order to live for His Kingdom. The next 10 days are crucial. We pray for peace and calm to pervade across Orissa.



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EVANGELIST EDGAR BONG BONG FROM THE PHILIPPINES REPORTS-- 4 SOULS ARE SAVED

I'm glad that you send me a letter and check. We are happy to write you again and to your mission. We would like to greet you and your staff of white field mission. May God bless us all.

With regards of my family we still fine, with the help of our Almighty God. The Church here in Bagacay still active in doing God's work. Our attendance during Sunday service 32 including children, our activities of the church we have cottage prayer meeting every Wednesday and we have house to house bible study to every members and to none member.

While I am in Leyte I will be helping in Candelaria church to do Preaching and teaching during Sunday and bible study to those who invites us. Now I'm here in Iloilo to build the church building here in Bagacay church, Your brother Edwin and his company the World Mission Builders they build our church here. Edwin and two of his companion stay my house and Edwin witness our situation and my work in the church. During Sunday worship Edwin lead the lecture and Bob do in preaching during invitation Four youth responded to the invitation including my Eldest son and after lunch we go to the beach to do baptism.

Our church building here not yet finish they have wall but no roofing because lack of materials they promise to send the additional budget to finish the building but we still praying that we have finish our big and beautiful building. The CR and Bath room no yet done. Now I will do in welding and putting roof and do plastering walling and window. I leave my work for two month to build this building but the problem is no food consumption while we are working because we can not earned and spend for our daily needs. If I have enough support I will resigned my job focus to the church work. You know we are in the midst of poverty, my three children are in school so I find a good job to earned more now I manage a little business in Leyte but we are far to my family. but I thank God that he always provide all our needs according to his riches and glory.

In Christ Love; Edgar & Marivic bongbong



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A REPORT FROM SETH EFFA IN GHANA, WEST AFRICA

The peace from above where our Lord seated, be unto you, friends and all the family of God. We give thanks to God almighty for touching your heart always to give us food to eat, we are saying God bless you.

Our election date is 7th December 2008, our former President and his Party members say if they do not win, it is going to be War, please that man is dangerous so pray for Ghana so that this bad word will change from his mouth.

Ministers Fellowship at Konongo has chosen Pastor Seth to preach about PEACE. This would be done in the Virgin FM Station at Konongo. It is going to be a Radio broadcast, so prayers are requesting. Bompata Christian church, elder Duku also is leading prayers at Bompata Town Park to meet the coming election. Pastor Joshua of Konongo Christian church also is doing the same with 5 Pastors in different churches at Virgin F M Station Church members and my family are fine.

Many thanks for your support. In Christ, Brother Seth Effa

EVANGELIST FLORANTE REPORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Greetings from Bohol! Again we would like to thank you very much for your continued support to us.

Last Saturday night at 6:30 we (Gingging and I) fellowship ed with the Business men and the professionals here in Tubigon. There were about more than a hundred people attended the fellowship. We are so glad that our Municipal Mayor and the Vice Mayor and some of the councilors attended the fellowship. Yours truly led the singing. I am privilege to teach and led them two songs (Amazing Grace & Lord I Lift Your Name on High). I joined the fellowship of the Businessmen and professionals so we can have the chance to reach them for Christ. Now we are also working on penetrating to the elementary schools here to bring God's Word and Christ like Character to the pupils. We submit a request letter to the Schools Division Superintendent for a permission. It needs more prayers and so we solicit yours.

We will be having a Christmas program in the church with the church members this coming December 21. By the way Christmas is fast approaching so we would like to greet you a *Merry Merry Christmas!* May God Bless you more graciously!

Love and Prayers,
Florante