



Church of Christ India Missions

“...from dead idols to serve the living and true God”
(1 Thessalonians 1:9)

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IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT INDIA

India is the greatest mission field of our time, and is home to the fastest-growing Restoration Movement in the world. India is also the world's largest democracy, and is well on its way to becoming a world super-power. There are 1.3 billion people in India—1 of every 6 people on earth lives in India, equal to China's population. But unlike China, India is growing, *and India does not prohibit Christian work!*

Over 50% of this massive population are under the age of 25!

India is about 1/3rd the size of the U.S., with 29 states & 7 Union Territories. 17 languages are recognized in their constitution. So, naturally, we use quite a few translators in our work.

TEAM MEMBERS

Ron & Karen Clayton began working in India 1979. *Jerris Bullard* in 1978. They formed the Church of Christ India Missions team in 1986 (*Jerris' wife, Juanita joined in 1998*). *Kyle Clayton* went to India in 1993, met & married *Sony* & has been full-time in India since then. *Robert Hall* joined us in 2001, but has to reduce his role due to health problems. *Ben Renegar* joined in 2004, followed by *Jerry Edwards* in 2009. *David Nance* has worked in India since 2007, and joined our team in June 2014. *Michael Hughes* has worked in India since 1993, and joined hands with us in July 2015. Many other committed Christians make trips to India with us every year or every other year to assist in our team's efforts.

OUR GOAL FOR THIS MISSION WORK

We use the “4-T” formula in our efforts: “Teach 'em, Train 'em, Trust 'em, Turn 'em loose!” We are making the Indian brethren full partners in the work now—not in the distant future. Indian brethren plan the work with us, teach in our preacher-training schools, and are in fact, doing the bulk of the work. Obviously, God deserves all glory, honor, praise and credit for all that this team has achieved. Yet our Indian brethren are the “unsung heroes” of the Lord's work in India.

A MAJOR STRATEGY

We target teaching denominational preachers about the Lord and His church. This is exactly what Aquila and Priscilla did with Apollos in Acts 18:24-26. This strategy (with good follow-up teaching), has led many denominational congregations to the Truth. This is much like the early days of the Restoration Movement in the U.S., when whole denominational congregations embraced the Truth.

VISIBLE RESULTS OF OUR TEAM'S EFFORTS

Since 1979, this team of American & Indian preachers (about 25,000 who work with us) has conducted a total of 2.6 million Gospel meetings. Over 5.5 million souls have been baptized. The retention rate is about 75%.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We *need* your prayers for our team—for good health, safe travel & open doors to reach the lost.

We *need* your financial assistance—it takes approximately \$5,000 per day to do this work. It costs a lot of money to *literally* reach millions of people. We teach over 5,000,000 people, face-to-face, with open Bibles, every single year! On average, our cost per convert is between \$2 and \$3!

We *need* your individual financial help, *without reducing your giving to your local church!* Bibles cost \$3 each. You can provide support for a preacher for \$50 per month. A gift of \$1,000 funds 500 Gospel meetings (these are about \$2 each) or can supply tuition, books and school supplies for a Purpose and Vision orphan for 1 year. We need funding in all of these areas. Your gift is greatly appreciated! Please pray for us & help us as much as you can.

SOME OF THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES OUR TEAM IS INVOLVED IN

1. **Evangelistic efforts** in literally thousands of villages and cities across India
2. **Children**—Purpose & Vision Children's Homes, in Bikkavolu, Tallapudi, Markapur, Chirala & Churachandpur
3. **Tools for native preachers**—Bibles, New Testaments, bicycles, lessons
4. **Carl Crosser Memorial Institute of Biblical Studies** (3 types of schools)
 - Mobile Bible school—teaching denominational preachers & our brethren in various locations 3 weeks of every month
 - One year Bible-training school—(in Nereducherla, Telangana)
 - A 3-month school in Pangalur, Andhra Pradesh state
5. **Kate Cabe Memorial Bible Institute** (1-day/week Bible school)—1600+ branches in 11 states and languages
6. **Denominational preachers' seminars**—reaching interested & honest menw from denominational groups with a view to leading them to the Lord's way and also converting their congregations to the Truth
7. **Haslam-Fulford Memorial Preachers' Lectureship**—primarily designed to better instruct newly-converted denominational preachers. These are held in many different places in India, as needed.
8. **Gospel film teams**—showing a movie on the life of Christ, followed by Gospel preaching
9. **Gospel literature**—printing & distributing Gospel tracts and lessons
10. **Violet's Kids**—a foster home in the city of Bangalore caring for neglected children
11. **Women Helping Women**—providing Christian women (including wives of preachers and widows) training in tailoring; supporting women to teach women; giving help to Christian widows who are deep in debt; helping young people from poor Christian families to attend college to escape poverty.
12. **Kiran's Kids**—a school for children in a low income area of Hyderabad (population = 15 million people!)
13. **Ellen Carthen Memorial Medical Clinic**—2 branches, giving free basic medical care to Christians & other needy Christians
14. **Preacher assistance**—help for medical bills and other financial crises of needy, faithful Indian preachers.

