



“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2

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Hi everybody!

Some good news and some challenging news coming out of India this past week. President Modi and his fundamentalist-Hindu BJP political party won a solid majority in the national elections. That means six more years of “opposition” for Christians, Muslims and other religious minorities. On the flip side, a high-integrity Chief-Minister, Jagan Mohan Reddy and his Congress Party, won a landslide victory in the state of Andhra Pradesh, where Love-N-Care Ministries works. Reddy will hopefully be able to buffer some of the anti-Christian influence in play around the state.



While I have your attention, let me tell you another story from one of my previous trips to India. I think these accounts can help to set some tone and give a measure of perspective. Years ago, I was with a team of Indians preaching in the villages. In one town, we were walking the streets, singing as we went, and I noticed an older woman following us at some distance. Eventually she came up to me weeping and smiling and making signs that she wanted me to pray for her with laying-on-of-hands. As we were able to get translation, her story began to come out. In a nutshell, she had trusted Christ some 16 years earlier but then had been ostracized by her Hindu village as a result. She had continued to love Jesus and pray regularly for all of that time, without any Christian fellowship. We were the first Christians she had met in over one-and-a-half decades! What a mighty and precious encouragement we were to her, but we had so little time to build her up.

Yesupadam hoped to be planting a church nearby sometime soon, but I have no idea what ultimately happened with this woman. I just remember weeping over the tragic beauty and wonder of it all. And I couldn't help pondering how I might have responded under such difficult circumstances at the beginning of my walk with God. Without a Bible or fellowship or support of any kind, in such a hostile environment, would I have been as faithful as this lady? I want you to understand, my friends, that these conversions taking place in India are the real deal. These people aren't toying with Christ. Once they embrace Christianity and turn their backs on Hinduism, they are "all in" for the rest of their lives. But, *"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?"* (Romans 10:14) Fortunately, we know some terrific people who are supplying thousands of preachers for this mission. They just need a little help from us in the training department.



I will be heading back to Raleigh, NC, in another 9-10 days, to visit some friends in an effort to raise funds to support Global Equip. I mention this in case any of you might know someone there who you would feel good about introducing me to. Any time I get the opportunity to talk about what God's doing in India, you never know who might get excited about helping. Please pray for the success of my trip! And thanks again to all of you who are helping me to serve Love-N-Care Ministry pastors through your prayers and financial support! God bless you!!

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