



“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!

It's been about a month since my last newsletter. I've been 'distracted' by a very demanding seminary semester, but that's all done in another week. Then I'm looking forward to 4+ months of devoting 100% of my attention to *Global Equip*, developing curricula and preparing for my next India excursion in September.



Mountain Scenery



Famous Temples

Being out of fresh stories from my most recent India trip, I thought I might reach back into the journal I kept during my first visit in 1997 in order to relate some interesting experiences. I spent 30 days there on my first trip. I went solo, and the culture shock was great. But I made some great friends among the Indian workers and I got to know Yesupadam's future wife, Monika, who was also visiting India for the first time.



Blast from the Past . . . 20 Years Ago

A couple weeks into the trip we were visiting the area around Ponnur, preaching in villages during the day and doing crusade meetings at night. I went with a wonderful Indian brother named Thomas to preach at three villages near his home church. Thomas warned us that the third village was populated by particularly staunch Hindus, and he seemed to have some concern that we should be careful. The crowd that gathered there was primarily adult men, and I preached as hard and as well as I was able. Thomas later told me how unusual it was for them to listen so long and attentively.



Thomas was personally thrilled with the results of our outreach, he informed me later, because he had evangelized in that village several times and had been beaten, kicked out and threatened with greater violence if he should return. (Yeah, he told me this after our visit there, not before.) What a privilege to co-labor with men like this and to have the honor of preaching in such a situation! Believers in that region had long been praying for God to open spiritual opportunities there.



In these days, throughout India, there is a profound dichotomy of great openness to the gospel coexisting with instances and policies of significant resistance – to the point of active persecution. In spite of many challenges, Love-N-Care pastors are working tirelessly to expand God kingdom in their part of the world. Thanks again to all of you who are helping me to serve these remarkable leaders through your prayers and financial support! God bless you!!

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