



*"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!

As I mentioned last month, the BJP fundamentalist Hindu party won the national elections with a strong majority, and they are already affecting our work in India. The original hope was to send teams of two pastor/teachers to different regions around Andhra Pradesh to teach nearby groupings of pastors. Yesupadam no longer thinks it will be safe to take white, western Christians to teach our "foreign" faith out in the rural villages. (Never mind that Christianity came to India 1½ millennia before it reached the shores of North America.) The revised plan is to bring students and pastors from the countryside to Vishakhapatnam where we can hold bigger conferences in relative safety. This will mean fewer teaching trips and bigger audiences. It will be more efficient for Global Equip, but much more expensive for Love-N-Care Ministries which must subsidize the travel expenses for so many leaders. However, we won't be strictly limited to Vishakhapatnam. It will be possible for us to travel and teach in the tribal areas which are subject to less scrutiny by the federal government. Our original 5-6 team trips, between now and March 2020, will be reduced to 3-4 visits prior to the hot and rainy season beginning in April through the Indian summer.



Here is some perspective on how things are “heating up” in India. I was with Yesupadam in Charlotte, NC yesterday when he started getting phone calls to discuss the latest attack in Orissa state. This relatively ‘backward’ state is adjacent to Andhra Pradesh, and Love-N-Care has a children’s home there in a village which cannot even be reached by automobile. Over the weekend, Hindu RSS thugs came and thoroughly destroyed their buildings on LNC-owned land. Read the text message that Yesupadam received from one of the children’s workers there:

*“Respected Anna (uncle) praise the Lord how are you we are always praying for you please pray for our school and orphanage home totally destroyed by RSS group please pray for orphan children and helping them they are staying ounder the tree thanks Vijay”*



I can’t write that without getting a sob caught in my throat. You can see it for yourself. But it gets worse. This morning Yesupadam sent me a newspaper article highlighting how some Hindu organizations are giving knives to children

and dispersing weapons. The tacit message is for the young people to have them available to use against non-Hindus. Love-N-Care is blessed to be mostly operating in areas where radical Hindu political power is less powerful. Andhra Pradesh is not experiencing the worst of the growing persecution. But things can still get spicy. Please pray for their protection and for their boldness in proclaiming Jesus.





I hope your summers are all going well. I'm working on curriculum these days and looking forward to returning to India in October. Love to all and deep appreciation for all of those who are helping me to serve Love-N-Care Ministry pastors through your prayers and financial support! God bless you!!

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