

# INDIA EVANGELISM

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## *Russel Bell's India, Romania, and Myanmar Report*

*July 31 to Sept. 7, 2009*

Dear Supporters and Interested,

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 1:2). What a wonderful work God has given us in Romania, India and Myanmar (Burma), this just completed trip. I am so proud of the Christians in each of these countries developing the Lord’s work.

First, the churches in Romania are growing in number and maturity. It is always a pleasure to work with Harvey Starling and the Romanian Christians. I was there over 2 Sundays and spoke at 5 different churches on those 2 days. Monday through Friday, I had a variety of classes: several good ladies Bible classes; several classes for the deaf; several good classes with individuals and sometimes 2 or 3 together. In all, 25 lessons were delivered in my 10 days there.

India continues to be a very bright spot in world evangelism. Thousands of people in India are becoming Christians each year. Hundreds of new churches of Christ are started each year. More churches are either appointing elders and deacons or working very hard to that end.

Churches in Myanmar are increasing. Around 20 of our Burma students from National Bible College have now returned to that country and started congregations that are now growing. We know of at least 2 schools of preaching now functioning there. We know of no institution/college in India that has had a more profound influence for the Lord’s church in India and surrounding countries than National Bible College in Chennai. We have now graduated more than 300 preachers/workers from NBC and 22 from Burma. A good number of other schools of preaching have been started by our graduates, such as Aurangabad Bible College, North India Bible College in Chandagar, schools in Nepal and Myanmar to name a few; and they are good schools.

### *Facts about Burma*

1. Burma now renamed Myanmar
2. Rangoon now renamed Yangon
3. Yangon no longer capital of Burma but Nyipidaw
4. We believe there are now 30-40 churches of Christ in Myanmar
5. Kalay School of Preaching - 3 year course, 10 students
6. Myanmar School of Preaching, 5 weeks in spring/5 weeks in fall, 40-60 attend each session, some members, some not
7. Most parts of Myanmar house churches, not more than 15 to 20 can gather in one place
8. The exception is Kalay where 100 or so meet on the Lord’s day. John O’Neal and myself put money in place to complete a church building there that will serve as Sunday worship building, school of preaching, and residence to lead preacher here.
9. Bill and Mary McDonald live and help here.

We were privileged to work this year with two other Americans. Vendell Dollarhide worked with us 2 weeks. He heads up Mission Printing in Arlington TX. Not only does he do a good job there but he did a real good job here in India. He was very well received by all. John O’Neal was my preaching partner in Myanmar the 5 days we worked there. All went well.

## *Statistics from this just completed work*

1. Presented 66 lessons
2. Saw 151 baptized
3. We worked in 3 countries named above
4. Worked in 2 of India's states, A.P. and T.N.
5. Delivered Bibles, song books, New Testaments, worship supplies, good religious books in their languages, bicycles to hundreds of churches and preachers.
6. We worked out the dates for lectures and graduations from one end of India to the other as follows in 2010, Jan. and Feb.
  - 1) Bangalore with CH. Jacob, Jan. 29-31
  - 2) Mumbai Lectures with Craig Phillips, Feb. 3-8
  - 3) Aurangabad B.C. with Amel B. and Regendrea C., Feb 9-12
  - 4) National Bible College, Chennai, Peter Solomon, Feb. 14-15
  - 5) Chandagar North India Bible College, Earnest Gill, Feb. 17-19
7. Influence of NBC on India and surrounding countries
8. Started 2 new congregations (1-10 baptized, 1-44 baptized)
9. Sister Patricia's Orphanage, 87 children
10. Spoke at Kavali Teachers College

## *2010 India Evangelism Projects*

1. 10,000 full Bibles	\$20,000.00
2. 10,000 New Testaments	5,000.00
3. 10,000 Telugu song books	5,000.00
4. 100 bicycles for good preachers	6,500.00
5. 400 sets of worship supplies (communion trays, bread trays, collection sticks)	3,500.00
6. 200 portable pulpits	3,500.00
7. Help on 104 permanent church buildings	24,000.00
8. Sister Patricia's Orphanage (87 children)	20,000.00
9. Plane tickets, hotels, food, etc.	5,500.00
10. Office supplies and stamps	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total needed for 2010	\$95,000.00

All of these above items were purchased, delivered to good churches and preachers in 2009. We want to provide the same in 2010 in my 49th and 50th trips to preach and teach in India. Will you help?

Here is my plan to raise this \$95,000. I am asking churches and individuals to donate \$300 to \$1,000 each. Some churches and individuals are donating twice each year and others monthly. Any amount would be helpful and appreciated.

You can send your donations now or any time. Please make your checks payable to **INDIA EVANGELISM** or **CHURCH OF CHRIST** and send to either of the addresses on this letterhead or use the self-addressed envelope enclosed. Thank you for your support.

Things look good at Sister Patricia's Orphanage. We spent 2 days and 4 nights there with the 87 children.

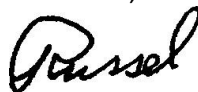
There are now more churches of Christ in India than in the U.S. They are growing in number and maturity. Your donations to this ministry are helping to achieve this. God bless you.

Special thanks to the LaPoynor Church of Christ for overseeing our work. Also special thanks to all the churches and individuals who support us, as well as provide the \$95,000 for our listed India Evangelism Projects. My books, *Rightly Dividing the Word of God* volumes I, II, III, IV, and V are available at \$5 each; and *God Man Money* at \$10 per copy, postage paid. All moneys from the sales of these books go to India Evangelism.

My next work in India will be Jan. 12-Feb. 22, 2010.

If you have any questions, call or write. God bless you.

Love,



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