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We are
10 *years old.*



We celebrated our Tenth Anniversary on May the 2nd—and it was a gloriously worshipful time indeed. We celebrated by calling our friends together for an international prayer conference on behalf of CO-Mission and the native missionaries we help sponsor.

During the four and a half hours of prayer, we telephoned eleven different ministries which we are currently helping in eight countries:

Nigeria	Bulgaria	Russia
India	Thailand	Cambodia
China	Singapore	

And we even had a live video connection with our missionary friends in India.

We listened to all their testimonies, heard them pray for us, and joined them in singing to the Lord—they in their languages and we in ours. We in turn prayed for all of them. It was church time—and we all worshipped. This was our Fifth Annual Prayer Conference. Every year I wonder how it can ever get better—but it always does.

In our ten years we have helped sponsor well over 35 different ministries in 21 countries. After all these years we are still able to say:

- Our Newsletter is free and without obligation.
- No funds are used for staff salaries or for international travel, unless the giver has specifically designated their gift for such.
- And we can still say, "100% of your gift goes directly to overseas native missionaries you read about in our Newsletter—people who daily hazard their lives to carry the Gospel to their own people."

Thank you, Friends, for a wonderful ten years. The Lord is faithful—and so are you.

Even during these difficult financial times, the Lord continues to bless this ministry. Our treasurer, Les Herod, recently reported that, projecting our current blessings to the end of the year, this looks like another record year for CO-Mission helping to sponsor native missionaries. We could never do any of this work without YOU. Again, thank you.

The Cost of Revival in INDIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Bible says, "What shall I render unto the Lord for His innumerable benefits towards us?" It is another wonderful testimony of the marvelous work of the Lord in Utrakhand on the 24th of March. The Lord enabled us to baptize forty-seven people in a river in Mohammadpur Bhudiya. These all were from Hindu backgrounds except six who were from the Sikh community. It was amazing to see the people standing in the river, testifying before all and dedicating themselves completely to fulfill His commandment and be baptized.

This was the same river where the anti-Christians came to kill me last time while I was baptizing the new believers, but they could not find me because we left just a few minutes early, and they came a few minutes late.

After this baptism we had a teaching session for all of our ministers. We encouraged them with the Word of God, exhorting them to live, preach, and endure hardships for the Lord, knowing that the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Indeed, God is at work all over Utrakhand. We have forty-nine Gospel Centers and many churches for God's glory. No credit goes to any man except God alone in this matter. Every ministry in Utrakhand faces constant dangers and threats, but we know we have only one thing to do for the Lord—even if it means death.

Our Hindu converts are facing many obstacles in this culture. It may be easy for us to bring the people to Christ, but indeed, it is very, very difficult to bring them up into the Lord. I am sure that these believers from Hindu backgrounds will be seen one day in the kingdom of God. Kindly remember these loving people in your prayers.

Also, there is a great joy in heaven and also in our hearts because of the souls that repented and obeyed the Word of God in Malihabad Tehsil. Sixty-seven people were baptized. A village man helped us by loaning us his field which had a water tank and pump. Even he did not know what we were going to do in his water tank. After the people were lined up for baptism, suddenly we saw the people passing by stop on the road and watch us. I realized this could turn dangerous, so I asked all the people to sit down, hiding themselves behind the mango groves that were near. Soon all the bystanders left the place, thinking that nothing was going to happen. Then I baptized all the people in the water. The Lord helped us to have this wonderful baptism service.

It is not so easy to baptize Hindu converts openly anywhere in Uttar Pradesh State because the anti-Christian political parties are watching our each and every move. Please pray that our new believers will abide in Christ and lead a solid spiritual life by growing in the knowledge of the Word of God every day.

The number of the Malihabad congregation is increasing rapidly day by day and we do not have a place to accommodate the people in the worship services on Sundays. We need our own place for worship soon. This is our main prayer request right now. I thank all of you for your prayers and concern towards this ministry in Uttar Pradesh.



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And last, I am much delighted to testify about our gospel meeting in Madhuwapur village near Malihabad. In fact, it was not very easy to arrange this type of an evangelistic meeting, inviting the people of different villages to come and attend. About 570 people attended this meeting from various religions and castes. Before preaching the Gospel, we performed a skit about the *Good Samaritan*. Following this skit, we preached a message to the villagers, most of whom were uneducated. In the end many people responded to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedicated their lives to Him.

After the meeting there were some who opposed and threatened us. Also, they threatened the person who gave his place to conduct this evangelistic meeting, telling him not to give his place for such Christian meetings anymore. Despite all the opposition, about seventy people decided to be baptism in the water. Praise be to God.

Preaching the Gospel in all the places in North India is difficult and dangerous. There is much resistance and opposition faced on every side. Please pray for those who are growing in the Lord everyday. Also, I am requesting that you pray for Pastor Moses, Pastor Dan Singh and me. Pastor Moses, who is working in the villages, has been threatened many times by anti-Christians that he must close down his ministry and leave those villages. But this energetic, spirit-filled young servant of God is still ministering in the villages despite all the dangers. We need more people praying for the protection and security of Pastor Moses and his ministry.

God bless all of you. Thank you.

Pastor Charles, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India

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