

LABORERS TO THE FIELDS

“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest” (Matt. 9:38).

Spring is always an exciting month as we experience many graduations from our evangelism schools. The greatest joy is not in the students but the results we see as God richly blesses their sacrificial labors.



True church growth is what we are experiencing, and nowhere did I see it more obviously than in Tiruthani (photo above). The ten graduates have started ten new congregations over the past two years. As a gift, the churches in India presented each with new communion sets and proper utensils for collecting the contribution. This was a monumental and revealing moment. The need for tools is the result of hard and sustained labor. These men are not just graduates or mere preachers, they are church builders.

Likewise, among graduates at the Tirupathi school (photo right), 14 congregations have been started during the past two years.

I am not worthy to work alongside such mighty evangelists. I thank God for the privilege and for more boots-on-the-ground!



NEXT STEP: SATURDAY SCHOOLS

“For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end” (Heb. 3:14).

I currently work with 13 conventional schools of evangelism (previous photos) and will be attending more graduations throughout this month. These men are tools, and their works are just beginning. We remain steadfast to help them and their new congregations to mature.

One of the most powerful tools God has given us is Saturday schools, or as we call them, *The Kingdom Builder's Programs*. For the next two years, these newly-trained evangelists will be given the opportunity to choose up to five men, potential leaders in their congregations, to study the Bible every Saturday morning for four hours, followed by exams and three memory verses. After lunch they evangelize until the early evening hours.

This program, because of the power of the gospel, has truly transformed the congregations. The church is increasing bountifully in spiritual and numerical growth. Students receive \$4 each for every Saturday in order to offset the time they miss from their jobs. The teachers, preacher in the new congregations, receive \$30 for each month. The average cost of each of these programs is around \$110. More than 70 new KBP programs are beginning. **The financial burden for this great program during the coming year will be more than \$92,000.** God will provide!

ASTONISHMENT:

120 Denominational Preachers

I was completely caught off guard a couple of weeks ago when I thought I was going to be meeting with church members to discuss church growth. The meeting turned out to be among 120 denominational preachers, most of who were very lacking



in knowledge and not acquainted with the church of the New Testament.

Realizing the situation, my lesson changed to unity and authority. The lesson angered a few, and some were indifferent. Eight were baptized.

I made an appeal for on-going studies for these men with my Indian brethren and we now have around 30 men who are willing to meet regularly to reason from the scriptures. The potential from these studies is great, and that night I thanked God for what I considered to be one of the finest days in my years in India.

BIBLE CAMP 2018

Running the Race - Hebrews 11-12:3



We have just concluded this year's Bible camp. Bible competitions were conducted among our three children's homes in order that we can see if the children are growing spiritually. There were Bible Bees and Bible Bowls. We had speech, memory work and writing competitions.

It thrilled our souls to see dozens of boys, like Manikandan (photo), preaching the precious gospel message. Girl-teachers also competed before an all-female audience. Children listened intently to their older brothers and sisters, young teachers for who they have great respect.

Speech is my favorite competition. I watch these boys and think of their potential influence on this idolatrous nation.





Many of the children recited the entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews. In the memory work competition, we had a three-way tie. To break the tie, I had each boy to quote the chapter as I sat with my time watch. One child finished in 3 minutes 24 seconds. It would have been faster if they had not stopped to take occasional breaths.

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After more than 800 pre-assigned questions, there remained three students standing in the Bible Bee Competition. The following day, I broke the tie by giving random questions which the boys had not previously studied. The winner was one of our children from Deva Kiribai Illam (far right in the photo).

The new puppet show competition was a huge hit this year. The children worked so hard. We laughed as we noticed the warriors in the photo, brothers of David who would not fight Goliath, carrying Captain America shields.



It was an amazing week as we sat in awe, thinking of the many prayers our Mighty God has answered. Please continue to pray for this great work. Pray for our protection and the government officials. This must continue!

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TAMIL NEWS



Open-air street preaching is a favorite work. It is a privilege to present the greatest message for all of mankind to hundreds who have never heard. *“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd”* (Matthew 9:36).

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