

## PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THE MASSES

Monsoon rains had been pouring all day as we prepared to preach in an evening meeting outside of Guntur. We anticipated a large crowd as most of the attendants were from denominational churches where preachers had been recently baptized.



Suddenly, ten minutes before time for the meeting the downpours halted and the crowds started to arrive. These open-air meetings are held around 8:00 PM as we have to wait for the people to come after finishing their work and returning to their homes. We rejoiced to see 450 souls crowded in the narrow street. The meeting was especially a great encouragement to those who recently came out of denominationalism.

Another opportunity had been presented to me earlier in the day when I preached in a Pentecostal church building for a group of twenty-five men from various denominations (photo below). My lesson was about the precious church the Lord purchased and how the Bible identifies that church.

Lately, a large amount of work has been done among denominational preachers, but the greatest emphasis continues among the Hindus of India. Many preachers are



in these various churches simply because they have had little Bible training and virtually no teaching about the church established in Acts 2. Leaving denominationalism for the church often means leaving behind a handsome salary and other large sacrifices and only approximately one in five is willing. Of the 20% who obey, their love for truth and our

Lord motivates them. After being baptized they are generally very zealous and continue to win even more souls from Hinduism. Just as Paul and others worked first among the Jews in the synagogue, individuals with somewhat of a foundation, we continue among these men who have a basic understanding.



The photo above was the scene at the train station at 4:45 the next morning as we boarded our train for the seven-hour-journey back to Tamil Nadu. Santhanaraj is seen standing, looking at his telephone (right). Many homeless people sleep in the train stations in India.

## NEW CHURCH BUILDING



Most who are acquainted with the work understand that it is not our practice to build church buildings. Congregations generally meet in houses. The building in the photo was an exception, as it was built on the campus at DNI children's home. Our children will use this facility for many different things and we had it constructed so it faces the main road.

People in the community can attend without having to walk through the campus.

Additionally, the staff at DNI is very evangelistic. They often take older children with them as they go to teach or do good works. The building is also designed as a medical facility, and a local doctor will be coming several times per week offering medical services to the poor of the community.

I designed the building with a cupola on top. I am hoping the little tower will work much like the draw of a chimney, pulling air in through the windows and passing the heat out through the roof. The roofline also causes the building to look like a church building, which it is. We pray that great things will be accomplished here and that God will be glorified above all.

## UPDATE ON THE NEW HOSTEL

This new program was begun in July and is designed to assist in care for the very



poor children of the tribals. Among this group, children are often used in ways unimaginable.

The rented house behind the children is their new home. They love their new clothing and even like going to school (for the most part). For the time being, since the boys are also younger, a house mother with a good Bible education, along with her mother, is raising these children. The staff at the DNI campus is only a ten-minute walk away.

The goal is to bring these children up in the nurture of the Lord. It is our prayer that they will become mighty workers in God's kingdom.

The local school placed them in grades according to their ages even though they cannot read and write. Several days later, the teachers called Sathish, our director at the DNI

campus. They were angry that we were sending children who could not read, etc. Sathish explained the background of the youngsters and what we are trying to accomplish. The teachers were very grateful and they are now helping and giving special time to assist.

A side benefit to this new work is the appreciation of the Indian government and the Child Welfare Services. Their cooperation has been a nice change.

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## Children's Annual Reunion



Every year, in August, our older children, along with those who have gone out from us, come together for a spiritual reunion. It is always good to see their families and to hear of their good works for our Lord.

One of the older boys with whom I spent much time many years ago, came to me and asked me to find him a wife. I made the request known to my Indian brothers in the staff meeting the next morning.

We love these young people and watch in amazement as we remember back. God allowed us, more than 17 years ago, to be a part of beginning this beautiful work. He has blessed us far above anything we have ever asked and we are thankful.

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**The work to help our challenged girls** become self-supported continues. The shoulder bag in the photo is an example of their work. They weave the cloth with which the bag is made. Please pray for their success, and please don't leave out the part about my patience.



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# TAMIL NEWS



*Walking into the local village to purchase supplies, I paused to take this photo of the butcher beside of the road. He was cleaning fish for the Muslim lady standing behind him.*

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