

TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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"...GO INTO ALL THE
WORLD AND PREACH THE
GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE..."

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SOUTH INDIA

Our work in India continues to be very profitable and encouraging. As usual for the January trips, my coworkers were **Bryant Perry** (a deacon in the Wylie, Texas congregation) and **Don Oelze** (preacher for the church in Anacortes, Washington). We had numerous preaching opportunities; on Sundays, of course, as well as some evening meetings through the week. But that is not the main purpose of our work. Bryant teaches large numbers of children in youth camps. His theme was "**Back to Basics**" and stressed the truth on matters like, God, Jesus, the Bible, the church and salvation. The emphasis for Don and me is always the training of Indian preachers. Don taught the morning sessions on "**A Defense of the Inspiration of the Scriptures.**" My afternoon classes were from the book of Acts, highlighting lessons for today's preachers by looking at "**Paul's Life as a Preacher and Missionary.**" These subjects had been requested. The first week we taught approximately 100 men in the city of **Vijayawada**. The following week we repeated the courses for about 80 men in **Hyderabad**. We always have a few denominational preachers attend and often conversions result. **Vandan Kumar** translated for Don and me and **Raja Rao** translated for Bryant. We have worked with these dedicated men for many years and they effectively organize our work before we arrive in the country. Most of Bryant's work was in the Vijayawada area. After we moved on to Hyderabad he had a one day session of work with children there before having to head home.

At the beginning of our trip, when we first arrived in Vijayawada, three other visitors from the USA were already there, soon to leave for home. This was not the first visit for two of these folks...**Tyler** and **Michele Thompson** from Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Tyler is one of the elders of the church there and they help in supporting the important work with orphans that Raja oversees. It was great to see these two that we love and appreciate so much. They brought with them a terrific young man, **Joshua Hanyard**, who taught lessons to the youth. Tyler had preaching and teaching opportunities and Michele taught classes for ladies. An e-mail from Raja informs me that as a result of their work, and ours, **115 people obeyed the gospel.**

Rose and I plan to leave for **Ukraine** early in March for our work with the Kremenchuk church. As always, we hope to take substantial benevolent help for the needy there. Most of the funds we take are used to make life better for sick, orphaned or abandoned children. You, no doubt, are familiar with all this from past reports. If you wish to help with this good work the money needs to reach me, at the very latest, by Wednesday, March 1st. Checks made out to the church can be sent to the Centerville Road church or to me.

Your coworker,

Ronald Coleman

“Great is our Lord, and mighty in power.
His understanding is infinite...Jehovah takes pleasure
in them that fear Him, in those that hope in
His loving-kindness.” Psalms 147