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KINGDOM WILL BE
PREACHED IN THE WHOLE
WORLD AS A TESTIMONY
TO ALL NATIONS..."

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SUFFERING SAVIOR MIGHTY GOD

*Humble Jesus, meek and mild,
You came to earth a human child
By entering both time and space -
The promised "seed" of Adam's race.*

*Faithful Servant, God's own Son,
The Father's will through You was done;
For sinful man You came to save -
The cost, death's grip and then the grave.*

*Suffering Savior, now I see,
Laid down your life for such as me;
Depraved and lost apart from God,
You bought me with your precious blood.*

*Risen Christ, your work complete,
Believers kneeling at your feet
Give praise and honor to the Lamb,
Acknowledging the great "I Am."*

*Triumphant Lord, return once more,
Your humble servants now implore;
Then love and justice will increase;
You'll rule and reign in perfect peace.*

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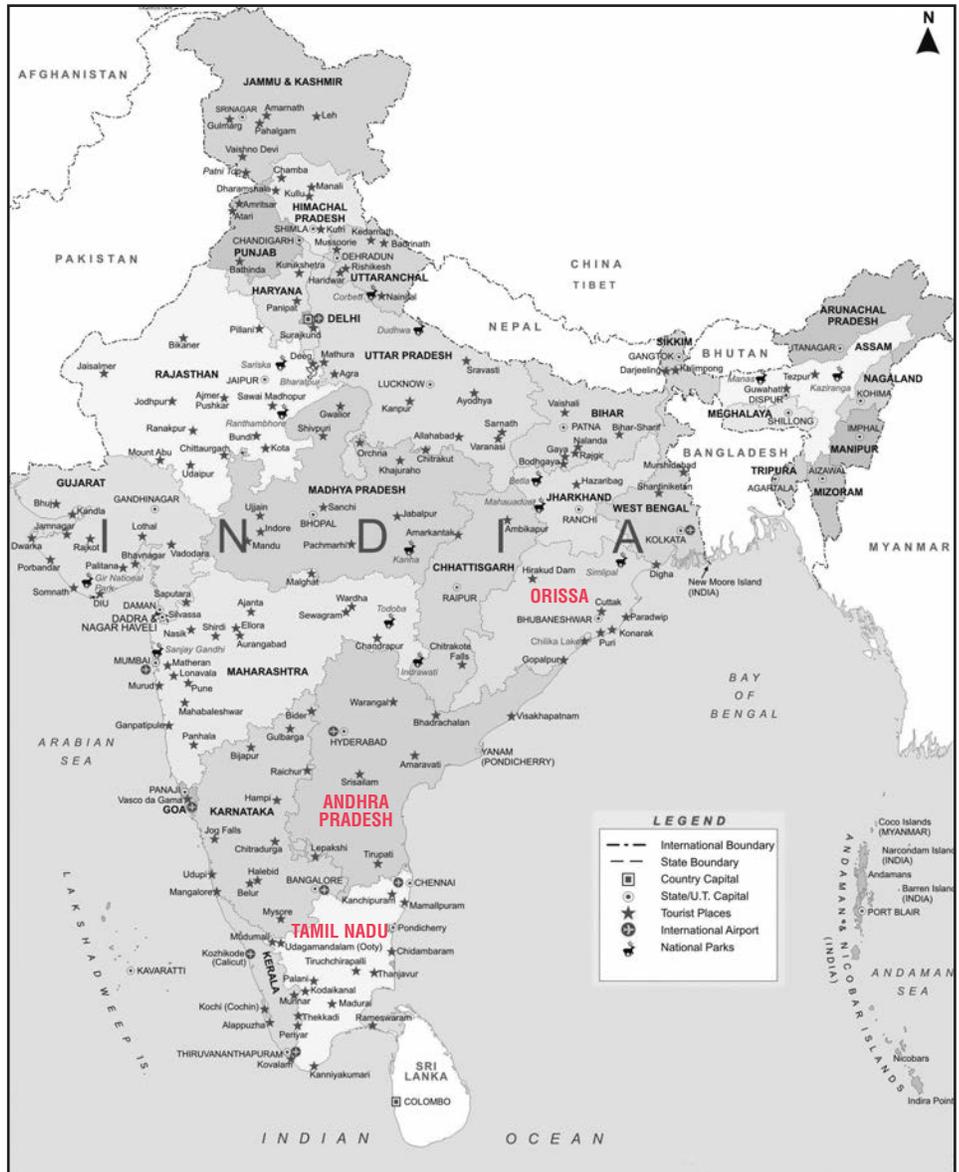
IMPACT IN INDIA

Explosion for Christ Necessitates Form and Structure for Immerging Church

According to the 2011 census, India's population stands at 1.2 billion souls, the second most populous country in the world. Across India, members of the many major ethnic groups and 645 differing tribal peoples worship millions of "gods" daily, making India fertile ground for spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 2003 WM opened church-based Biblical centers for training church-planting leaders in eastern India, targeting men and women in the Dalit (untouchable) caste to receive God's Word. During the past 8-1/2 years, the response to the "Good News" of Christ among Dalit, Hindus, tribal, and Muslim people has been nothing short of miraculous . . . with more than 24,312 public professions of faith through baptism and the establishment of 1,170 new churches in three eastern states — Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, and Tamil Nadu.

With the proliferation of six church-planting movements in this area of India, WM staff members recognized that these new believers would be subjected to great pressure by those opposed to Christianity. The question before them was how to help these "babes in Christ" remain doctrinally, morally and financially sound in the face of abject poverty and pervasive paganism throughout the country. Acts 20:29-30 warns: *"I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them."* To help establish consistent



form and structure among the various Christian congregations, this year WM together with the Teaching Team of Indian leaders formed a new association: The United Leaders' Fellowship. These leaders formed their association with input of the Economic Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). By conforming to the guidelines outlined by ECFA and having a clear doctrinal statement

and guidelines with the new association, the financial and doctrinal integrity of the Indian churches associated with WM can be established, despite the cultural difference within the different people groups.

In 2007 WM began looking for partners interested in helping new Dalit Christians become self-sufficient with the introduction of several cottage industries (BAM —

Business as Mission). The ministry also began sending its trained church-planting leaders to Community Health Evangelism (CHE) workshops, equipping them to teach village leaders in their home communities about the origin and spread of disease. The due diligence undertaken by WM, insuring that native Christians understood microbusiness dynamics and the importance of basic hygiene and sanitation, prompted Christ for Humanity to try to enhance that ministry's efforts among the poorest of the poor by providing funding for a number of humanitarian outreach projects. Over the past five years, CFH sponsored a wide variety of projects across much of eastern India: **(Building Projects)** Funding the construction of a water buffalo shed and a widow's house; **(Micro-businesses)** Purchasing water buffalos and sewing machines for Christian leaders and widows; **(CHE Programs)** Paying CHE tuition costs for a number of tribal Christians; funding the planting of a village rice field for widows; distributing mosquito netting in numerous villages; providing village water filters and drilling village water wells.

This year CFH sponsored three projects under the supervision of WM: three additional village water wells (completed in November); five village latrines (completion dates in December); and four village seed banks (scheduled for January 2012). To ensure that all three projects positively impact the 12 communities slated to receive them, WM has allowed significant time for laying the groundwork with village leaders, so the people will have a vested interest in using and maintaining these additions to their villages — projects designed to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone.

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Acts 20:29-30



Widow's prayer house.

Widow's House Update: In 2010 CFH funded the construction of a widow's house in the province of Andhra Pradesh. That year walls, windows and doors were added to the first level of the building, and six widows moved into the structure. The ministry also provided funds for several water buffalos and for the construction of a village rice field to provide food and financial support for the widows. We are delighted to report that the Widow's House Project has been hugely successful. Villagers recently harvested the first rice crop and planted a second crop, which can grow during the dry season. The cottage industry undertaken by Christian women in the village flourishes on the second floor of the widow's house. This CHE sewing program is gradually raising funds to purchase updated machines to provide income for the Community Health Evangelism ministry. More importantly, the village church is booming with more than 200 members. Having outgrown its current meeting place (a buffalo shed in the widow's house compound), the church began building on a piece of land adjacent to the widow's house. Church members donated additional sections of land for the church, and the foundation has been poured and the piers set. All that is needed to complete the structure is a cement roof.

Christ for Humanity is grateful for its partnership with our fellow servants for Christ working at WM. They deeply care for the men and women they have trained to be minister of the Gospel. Their desire is not only to present God's Word and add names to the *Lamb's Book of Life* but also to secure that resulting faith to a firm foundation that can withstand the barbs and arrows of the "enemy."

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.” Matthew 7:25-25.



CHE Sewing Project on top of widows' home.

LOCAL OUTREACH NEWS

ADOPT-A-FACILITY PROGRAMS

New Church Joins Christ for Humanity's Adopt-a-Facility Program

Tulsa has a fast growing Hispanic community, and gang related violence is reported by local news almost daily. Though cities may establish police task forces to try to combat such problems, most Christians believe that only a relationship with Christ can stem the tide of senseless deaths among disenfranchised young people, looking in all the wrong places for ways to belong.

For several years CFH has been searching for a Hispanic church interested in joining the ministry's Adopt-a-Facility program. This fall *Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana* answered the call and agreed to provide monthly outreaches at the Heatherstone Apartments in East Tulsa. Pastor Mateo's greatest desire is to get Hispanic families plugged into a church, where the love of Christ can transform lives. The Apostle Paul proclaimed in **II Corinthians 5:17**: *"Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."* Reaching the youth for Christ is a positive way to weaken gang membership, as Christian young people will be less likely to become involved in illegal activities.

Pastor Mateo's is extremely enthusiastic about his church's involvement in CFH's Adopt-a-Facility Program. At the first two Heatherstone outreaches, the church praise band performed, drawing in adults and children alike. Ten church members ministered to attending adults, and the children enjoyed craft projects of a Biblical nature. Pastor Mateo reports that one family has already started attending his church, and he is praying for a bountiful harvest in the future, as more and more families witness God's love through the ministrations of his congregation.



Small Church – Big Impact

Crowell Heights Baptist Church continues to have a huge impact at the Brightwater apartment complex in West Tulsa. Over 150 men, women and children attended the September 24th meeting, held in the Eugene Field Elementary School cafeteria. The pastor presented a message of God's love and forgiveness, and food boxes from Christ for Humanity were distributed to families in need.

CHINA PROJECT UPDATE

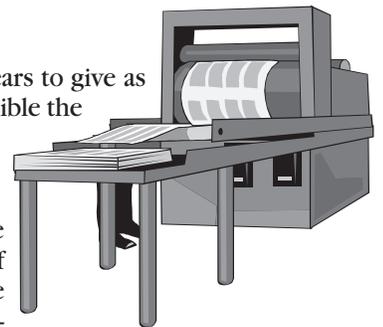
In September, when EV (name withheld) and CFH first embarked on the project to raise enough funds to help her Chinese partner in the printing ministry purchase the last piece of equipment needed to increase his production of Christian materials (a collator, cutter and binder), we thought the entire project cost would be \$16,000. Christ for Humanity earmarked \$10,000 for the project and began praying for partners to cover the additional \$6,000. After returning to China, EV discovered from "Happy" that the cost of the equipment had risen to \$20,000 since his first enquiry several months earlier. Happy told her that he planned to take out a loan to cover the additional \$4,000.

However, our God is Omniscient! He knew the true cost of the machinery before we ever conceived plans for the project, and in His marvelous goodness, He pricked enough hearts to cover the entire additional \$10,000 needed. CFH staff members are praising Him for His provision, particularly during these uncertain economic times!

Many people in the Christian community believe that the time for our Lord's promised return is drawing near. Christ has

tarried for more than 2,000 years to give as many men and women as possible the opportunity to believe in the saving power of His death, burial and resurrection. God loves the Chinese people. The production and distribution of Christian materials for the underground church throughout China will directly impact the number of people who accept Christ as Lord and Savior and rule and reign with Him in the coming Kingdom.

Christ for Humanity wired the entire \$20,340.00 raised for the project to China on November 14th. Any additional money we receive will be wired at a later date to purchase printing supplies. Our staff and volunteers would like to thank everyone who participated in this project. What joy there will be in Heaven one day in the future when each of you meets Chinese believers who received Christ because you sacrificed to bring God's Word to China!



Two Babes in a Manger

Author Unknown

In 1994 two Americans answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics (based on Biblical principles) in the public schools. They were also invited to teach at prisons, businesses, fire and police departments and a large orphanage. About 100 boys and girls who had been abandoned, abused and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage. The Americans related the following story in their own words:

It was nearing the holiday season, time for our orphans to hear for the first time the traditional story of Christmas. We told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room at the inn, the couple went to a stable where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger.

Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word. Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square cut from yellow napkins that I had brought with me, as no colored paper was available in the city. Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squares of flannel, cut from a worn-out nightgown an American lady was throwing away as she left Russia, were used for the baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt we had brought from the United States.

The orphans were busy assembling their mangers as I walked among them to see if they needed any help. All went well until I got to one table where little Misha sat. He looked to be about six years old and had just finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see not one but two babies there. Quickly, I called the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in his manger.

Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at his completed manger scene, the child began to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately — until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger. Then Misha started to ad-lib. He made up his own ending to the story, as he said, "And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told Him I had no mamma and no papa, so I don't have any place to stay.

"Then Jesus told me I could stay with Him. But I told Him I couldn't because I didn't have a gift to give Him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Him so much, I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept Him warm, that would be a good gift.

"So I asked Jesus, 'If I keep you warm will that be a good enough gift?' And Jesus told me, 'If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me.' So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and He told me I could stay with Him — for always."

As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed.

The little orphan had found Someone who would never abandon or abuse him, Someone who would stay with him — FOR ALWAYS. I've learned that it's not what you have in your life, but WHO you have in your life that counts.



ON THE LIGHT SIDE

The Four Stages of Life:

- You believe in Santa Claus.
- You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- You are Santa Claus.
- You look like Santa Claus.

Great Truths about Growing Old

- Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair you once got from a roller coaster.
- It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.



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