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April showers bring May showers - then the monsoon rains of June, July and August. As with us, April is the month for planting many vegetables as the rain comes almost daily. Flowers are blooming profusely and Racci wanted me to send this picture of her holding flowers for all of you.

We are busy planting, corn, okra, squash, cucumbers, pumpkins, watermelons, **peppers and more peppers and a few more peppers.** Our tea trees are now putting out their first leaves which will be ready for plucking in a few weeks.

For the first time, we have blossoms on some of our orange trees, as well as the Papaya trees. The coconut trees are growing well. Hopefully in about three years they will begin to produce. We have planted ten Jack fruit trees which make a large super sweet fruit for many, many years once established.

We have added another thousand tea trees to our "tea estate" and are hopeful we can pluck, package and sale, to raise needed funds for the two orphan homes in future years.



GIRLS HOME-MADE DRESSES

We have eight pigs on property now. They are penned two by two as Noah was commanded (male with female as well!). We are hopeful for many piglets in the coming year or so.

We have over three hundred layers now. About seventy-five or laying eggs and the others will begin within a few weeks. The Boys are doing well in raising the broiler chickens for meat. At MSV we prepared a rice planting bed and will soon plant the rice in the patti field. God is indeed good- both in seed time and in harvest!



RACCI SENDS FLOWERS



TIME TO HOE THE CORN!



INDIAN GARDEN HATS!

THE JOURNEYS OF ANTIOCH CONTINUES

As we enter our second full year in our “Antioch“ program of establishing fully, self-supporting, congregations in the largest cities of Northeast and North India, God has blessed us with growth, learning “problems” and the talents of good, godly brothers and sisters who labor day by day to grow the Lord’s congregation in the cities.



Peter teaching at Antioch in Dimapur



CITY STUDENTS STUDYING TO ESTABLISH CONGREGATIONS!

In Dimapur, the communication, transportation and medical city of Nagaland, we have now established two growing congregations with Antioch graduates. In addition, several congregations are beginning in the Karbi and Naga villages, as a result of their training at Dimapur. As in Paul’s day, many come to the city for education and commerce and they leave with the knowledge of God to share in the smaller towns and villages.

We have just begun our third class of students. Among them are three Burmese “brothers”. At present they are Baptist,

but day by day they are learning about the Church of the New Testament. Soon they will be converted and when they return to Myanmar (Burma), they will go to re-teach and truly convert the mis-taught and mis-guided souls of the denominational world.



Brother Kong Rongpi, a convert from the Believer’s Church, has now graduated and is in the city of Diphu, beginning a new Spiritual Sword Bible School (one year training program for all faiths). He has already brought eight of his former denominational “pastor” friends to the Church of Christ as specifically patterned in the Bible. Often with their conversions, they go and teach their former mis-lead flock into the fold of the Good Shepherd. As seen above, we have also been blessed with attaining several worship facilities through these conversions.



Teaching the Blind

Brother Kong, Peter, Digimoni and others, who work faithfully for little support, are changing the denominational and idolatrous landscape of Northeast India, soul by soul and village by village. Your gracious support of the Antioch program and the Spiritual Sword Bible School’s in the towns and villages make all of this possible. It seems, “those who have turned the world upside down”, have come into this part of the world also.



I had such a soul-uplifting time, working with brother Daniel and others in West Bengal. The Antioch program continues to grow strongly day-by-day. We continue to teach and convert many of the blind people who live in this area. Recently we also have decided to care for a widowed woman and a crippled man and their families, by providing rice, dal, salt, cooking oil and other items of general house-keeping. Pray for them! With open hearts and helping hands the lost came to Jesus - it is still the same today!

PLEASE HELP US BUILD OUR NEW SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN



Pictured above left, is the wind damage that destroyed the majority of our present school. This has led to the hiring of five more teachers and educating the girls at Rainbow and the boys at the Mustard Seed Village, until we are able to complete the new school you see being constructed in the picture in the upper right.

This is requiring us to have one teacher teaching a minimum of two grades each, while two teachers are combining three grades each. In some ways I like the old, "One room school house" idea, but it does not work within the Indian culture or the teachers' concepts of teaching.

Our contractor has promised to have our new school completed by November 1, 2017. The new TEMS will hold 500 students and will meet all the standards of the CBSE board - the best certifying board in India. This will help me hire the best of teachers and provide our "disadvantaged children" with the best of educational opportunities. The turn key cost of the building is about \$170,000.00 and to completely furnish the school with all desks, books, computers and all the other essentials of a good school will cost another \$50,000.00.

One compassionate congregation has already giving over \$75,000 to this project as well as some funds for immediate surgical needs. Please help us complete this school for the children. Every donation, given to this purpose, will be truly a "God-send" to these precious children who study so hard to "catch-up" and make something of their lives.

There greatest education is the Bible, but with it, they need to be prepared to support and grow the local congregations of India in the future, with their sacrificial gifts, from careers and jobs that provide a good source of income. In other words, I do not just want to feed them a fish but rather also teach them how to fish! Fish for their physical lives and also to fish for the souls of men.

I will be home in three weeks and would love to come and speak to you, as well as show you a PowerPoint of our work in education, evangelism, orphan-care, medical-care, destitute care, handicap programs and the other works we really do by the grace of God and through His mighty hands, which is the congregations of His people on this aging earth.

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GENERATOR FOR OUR SCHOOL, MSV AND RAINBOW

Our work in India is in need of a powerful generator that can supply power to our new Theophilus English Medium School, our Rainbow Village for Girls and the New proposed Mustard Seed Village for Boys, as well as, our Medical facilities, new church facilities and other buildings on the ten acre site where we are living and building for the future of God's work, for these children, and for the Gospel of Christ. The cost is about \$18,000.00 and will last many years in providing the power we need in an area where electrical supply is weak and limited to a few hours per day. This is a problem all over India but particularly here!



Brother Kong, our evangelist and Bible School administrator at the Dibphu Spiritual Sword Bible Institute is presenting an audio Bible of the New Testament in the Hindi language to a local man who is illiterate and cannot read the printed page. We have a great need to purchase a large number of these Audio Bibles which are solar charged and available in many languages. At present I need 25 Nepali translations, 50 English translations and fifty Hindi translations. The cost is only \$5.00 for these professionally narrated Bibles based on the New King James Version in the English and for translation. In Kalimpong, in our Antioch work we have many blind students in our bible school who we have weekly bible studies with. Recently we baptized one into Christ. These auto Bibles are in great need among these good people. Please help if you are able as a class, individual or congregation. Hearing leads to believing!!

The picture to your right is of an ear a seven year old, Tansa girl brought to the Rainbow Village. The picture is of the right side of her head where her ear should be but due to a birth defect, it is not present. She has a very small twisted left ear that she can hear a little from but she will need an implant to be able to hear properly. Also she is able to hear tones made on the right side of her head. I believe with proper surgery by an ENT and plastic surgeon this girl might be able to hear from both ears and then would be able to attend our school. At present we do not have any deaf students though I am sure they will come. I hope with your help we might be able to get a complete medical evaluation and then do the right procedures, to help this beautiful child here the songs of worship and praise! As always, thank you for all you do month by month and day by day. God bless!



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