

TRIP REPORT - INDIA

January 19, 2004

Greetings to all, the Lord has certainly been good to me and I am thankful to all for the prayers on my family and myself. It is now Monday evening about 7:30pm. We have completed our first day of classes. There were four sessions. I taught on an Introduction to Worship and on teaching as worship for the second two sessions that were after lunch. The first two were on the subject of Repentance and Hypocrites. The men seemed very receptive of the instruction. Questions were asked during the lessons to make sure they understood what was being expressed. Some of the men can understand English when it is spoken but can not speak it themselves very clearly. (Some of us who have spoke it all our lives can't either right Beth :)) We began this morning with a little over 25 men but has others have made their way from greater distances the number has risen to about 45 or so.

We held the classes outside under a big tent behind the church building there is not enough room in the building plus it is much cooler outside during the daytime. The temperature runs from about 72 in the morning to close to 90 by the afternoon. There was a political rally taking place down the road from where we meet. Elections are coming up and the officials are making the rounds. They played music and gave speeches most of the day today. There was a loud speaker on a pole near the road in front of the building which meant that we had to speak loud at times to hear each other.

As for Sunday's events... Services began about 12 noon...with singing and prayer then scripture reading then I taught from the book of Jude. Then the Lord's Supper was served then singing then the contribution taken. Then singing then closing prayer. There were about 20 who responded to the gospel..

Here are a few notes from my journal that you may find interesting.

1-17 12:24 pm... It is a comfortable 73.8 degrees in my room. I have just finished lunch. Fried rice with beans, potatoes, and carrots mixed in... served with mutton (He goat) and bread... the bread is toasted in the oil from the rice. For desert "fresh from the tree" bananas and oranges... both very sweet. The plumber is here to install an instant water heater. This will provide hot showers for the home. Normally water is boiled and brought into the bathroom in a large bucket for warm bathing. I watched the plumber climb upon a table then a stool on top to get to a loft type area to install the heater. He brought his tools in a rice bag.

1-17 2:13 pm the power just went off now no fan.

1-18 8:30 am Breakfast this morning was Ukama - wheat powder cooked with kurry leaves salt and onions... omelet and banana topped off with warm water buffalo milk.

There is so much more that can be told of life here in India. I again want to express my thanks to all who have made this trip possible... each of you share in the work of the Lord here. I am greatly encouraged by some recent news from the members in Leesville. My prayers are with you all. I kindly ask that you pray for the brethren here and for the work that is being done.

In Christian Love
Jeff Henderson