



Newsletter

Summer 2018

H.I.M. exists to fulfill the great commission to: *“make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*
Matthew 28:19-20

Rick’s Notes: Thank you for your prayers and support for (HIM) Humanitarian International Missions. Two priorities of HIM were accomplished during the 2017 mission campaign: Over one thousand souls came to Christ in India, and over ten thousand Bibles were delivered to remote Indian villages in five different languages.

Christian Persecution continues to increase in India. The RSS and BJP are two radical/political groups that have emerged to power; the number one priority on their agenda is to eradicate Christianity from India. One way of accomplishing that goal is to dry up Christian funding that supplies much needed aid to the poor and suffering. Several humanitarian organizations are experiencing difficulty sending humanitarian relief funds and have stopped funding activities. HIM is also experiencing difficulties sending funds to India. What can you do? Pray. For an Open Doors video, by an interdenominational group regarding Christian persecution in India, please google <https://vimeo.com/251874667> and for an Open Doors video regarding Christian persecution in Nepal please google <https://vimeo.com/251879886>.

PREMA Sewing Education Center: It takes \$10,000 annually to fully support the center including sewing machines for all graduating students. This is a great benevolent / out-reach for the poor families of India. Many have come to Christ through this ministry. Your prayers and support are what keep PREMA Sewing Center alive.

Skilled training received from PREMA gives women self-esteem, hope and confidence. The Gospel is also spread into the homes of PREMA students; many family members are listening to the Word of God and regularly attend Sunday worship. What a great ministry to support!

Since PREMA’s providential inception in 2013, one hundred twenty-six ladies have received training (45 of those were destitute widows). All of those attending the school have been exposed to the gospel (80 - Hindu, 11 - Muslim, 30 - denominational and 5 - church of Christ). Several ladies have been baptized into Christ (38 Hindus, 4 Muslims and 21 Denominational); plus 5 rededications - 63 ladies, or 54% of those attending the school.

Garage Sale: The Spring Mission Garage Sale (MGS), which helps support PREMA Sewing Education Center, was a great success bringing in \$1720. Other donations have brought the PREMA fund to \$4090. Praise God; can't thank the ladies (and a couple of men) enough who worked long, hard hours in the heat to make this such a great success. On Wednesday we had 11 helpers; Thursday – 14, Friday – 10, Saturday – 7 helpers. Much thanks to those who donated their items to the sale; we took in 22 truck, trailer and car loads. Without your generous donations this couldn't happen.

The Fall MGS helps support the HIM Bible fund. The goal is to deliver 10,000 Bibles to India each year; this takes up the majority of the annual funding at \$3 / copy. I will fly to Ohio in mid-July to help with the Westerville church MGS. Also, the Willow Park church will be needing MGS volunteer help this fall (no date has been set yet).

First Time Ever: In 2015, a Women's Prison Ministry door was providentially opened by God in India. The Lord used a sister-in-Christ, converted in 2014, to minister to incarcerated ladies within the India prison system. As a result, over 50 inmates have accepted Christ and obeyed the gospel. Six months later the Lord led a converted Muslim sister to begin a ministry to incarcerated Muslim females. Currently there are two female prison ministries bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Please pray for these two ladies, who face the hardships of ministry within the India Prison System; and praise God for opening the first door of female prison ministry in Indian history. Both prison ministries are fully funded by women, who pool their resources together and send monthly support (\$50 each) to these two women of faith. There is another lady who is eager to get started in prison ministry as well; we are just waiting for the next volunteer(s) to fund such a great endeavor.

New Ministry: In 2017 we prayed for an air-wave ministry in Nepal; and God answered. History is being made in the Lord's church as it goes to the airwaves with the gospel in Nepal. Whites Ferry Road church of Christ was the first to step up and fund the first 15 minutes of airspace (\$100 / 15 minutes) each week; HIM has also committed 15 minutes. This is a great opportunity for anyone to get in on this ground-floor ministry that will affect thousands eternally for the Kingdom. We anticipate great results, because of past experience with the gospel going to the airwaves in India. If you wish to support this ground-floor opportunity be sure to memo your checks to 'H.I.M. Nepal Radio.'

Next Trip: We are currently gathering funds for the next trip in November. The Lord continues to use this ministry to expand His Kingdom in India and Nepal. Thank you for your faithful and ongoing gifts of love. We exist because you prayerfully give.

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