

Brief Overview of Mission Trip to India

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Joe Martin and myself (James Jamison) , elders at the Sunset Church of Christ, made the long trip to India to see the school building and observe the evangelistic work. Following a 20+ hour plane ride and a 4.5 hour car ride, we arrived at the Bontha home completely exhausted. After visiting with the family and eating a meal, we retired early evening in preparation for the coming days.

The following days were a whirlwind of activity, some planned by Brother Esudas and some spontaneous. The first day was spent at the Indian Christian School, observing not only the facility itself but the day to day operation. We were there from the time the first school bus arrived until the children departed. We were able to sit in on many of the classes that were equipped with all the modern technology of American schoolrooms. The 1st thing I noticed was the overall desire of the students to learn, school was not deemed a requirement but a privilege to be taken advantage of. Brother Esudas and his son Chanti taught the bible classes; every student, every day received instruction in God's Word.

The following day I spoke at a gathering of local preachers (30-40), the majority were denominational preachers. Using I Cor. 1:10 as my text I emphasized the need for preaching and teaching only those things that were consistent with God' Word. I especially spoke on God's plan of salvation and His commands on worship with surprising results. They were all receptive to the truth as presented in the bible, I was even invited to speak at one denominational church the following day, presenting that same lesson.

The Sunday we were there was as busy as the other days, can you imagine getting 50 children ready for worship. We divided into 2 groups , Chanti and Joe, myself and Esudas. We preached in 6 congregations that day with extensive travel between the groups. Esudas and Chanti do this every Sunday. Their worship closely resembles ours; singing, praying teaching, Communion and giving (I better understand Paul's comments in II Cor. 8:2).

The rest of our stay there consisted of visiting the 25 widows that are given a meal every day, teaching Bible classes at the school and visiting small villages to teach God's word (a husband and wife were converted as a result of these efforts).

The last day there was spent touring the city, very eye-opening. It is hard to explain the masses of people, the constant noise, the smell and the abject poverty most live in. The aim of the Indian Christian School is to help as many as possible improve their hope of a better life, now and eternally.

Trying to walk in the steps of the Saviour, James Jamison

