



## Word to World Ministries



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### Dear Friends,

After two and a half months away from home (of which one and a half was in Nepal/India) living from a suitcase, eating food that most of the time does not gel so well and sleeping in a different bed every second or third night, one really appreciate one's own again. I think I can write a thesis on shower taps....

We had quite a full program and have ministered in many places. The real purpose of our visit was to conduct Kingdom Advance Training clinics in various areas. By the grace of God we could present one KAT clinic in each of the following areas:

1. Kathmandu, the capitol of Nepal
2. Dharan – East Nepal
3. Delhi - India
4. Rajamundry – East Gudavari District, AP India
5. Razole – East Gudavari District, AP India
6. Vijayawada – Guntur District, AP India
7. Guntur – Guntur District, AP India
8. Balangir – Orissa, India

Ina and I conducted the first five clinics. Thereafter Johan Greeff and Jarrod Moore joined with us and helped us with the next two. From there we returned to Guntur for further ministry and they went to Balangir to conduct a clinic on their own. **An average of 15 leaders per clinic was trained. We pray that we will soon see the fruit.**



The journey was not without the normal hiccups. Both Johan Greeff and I each broke a tooth and had it recapped in Guntur. There is always something to be thankful for – praise the Lord the guy in the photo was not our dentist.

Ina was eating black grapes when a small spider bit her on her tongue. The immediate area around the wound turned an ugly red and purple and the tongue became swollen. I laid hands on her tongue and we trusted the Lord according to Mark 16. Our wonderful host, pastor Prabhudas, called a paramedic who gave her two injections, one right away and the other the next morning, on different parts of her anatomy. The following morning her tongue was healed but she could not sit comfortably for the next two or three days.

My Visa credit card was illegally swallowed by an ATM. This was the first time that it happened in my life and it was a very traumatic experience. All the immediate available prayer warriors in India were summoned to pray. After hours of negotiating with the bank manager and with the help of ps Prabhudas and supplying various proves of identity I received it back. I learned later that it is against all regulations for a bank to return a retrieved visa card to its owner. The card has to be send to the Visa head office in Hyderabad to be sorted out from there. But God is Great.

For most part of the India journey Ina suffered quite badly with her tummy, must have been a bug or something.

***However, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ our Lord.***

Sometime ago we reconnected with one of our church members from years ago who now lives in Gordon's Bay. Anne-Marie has decided to bless us both by inviting us to accompany her on a tour to Israel end November. When Chrisjan heard about this he said Cairo is not far from Toulouse and that we should come from Cairo and spend Christmas with them. The Lord blesses us in so many ways and I am often amazed by His love for us, especially knowing that we do not deserve anything.

We are in the blessed position to visit France and other European countries on quite a regular basis due to Chrisjan being there and the help that he gives us. France is in a worse position than India as far as Christianity is concerned. In many of the Indian states one often passes a church of some denomination, but not so in France. We have been trying to get ministry opportunities in the past but without much success.

Please pray with us for open doors, especially for opportunities to present the KAT program to believers. This is a sure way to reach the church-less and the church-loose especially in areas where there are very few or no churches.

During the time overseas I was strongly reminded about the calling of the Lord on His followers in two ways.

**Firstly, believers have been called to 'godliness'. (1Peter 4:5).**

It is so important not to confuse godliness and sanctification with legalism. Surely the Kingdom of God has many rules that have nothing to do with the Law of Moses. Kingdom rules are the moral values and principles that describe the code of conduct of a true believer. These rules have been very clearly spelled out in the New Testament and they have not even a *vague smell of worldliness* on them. The 'world' (1John 2:15-18) subtly creeps in under the amour of God and slowly 'brain washes' and destroy truth, holiness and godliness to such an extend that what was wrong to even think about five years ago has now become kind of acceptable, and are even practiced by some believers. **Slogans like 'times have changed'; 'don't worry God understands'; etc., does not help anyone to get back on track and is in fact a lie of the devil.** This lie is similar and old as Genesis 3, yet so many still fall prey to it. Times have changed indeed; the world has never been in such a terrible state of moral destruction and corruption. Worldliness is quite common in the lives of many believers as is evident in what they read, look at and talk about. But the return to godliness has to start within the life of the individual and in this case it was mine. **Can I suggest to you to read 1 John again? Joy will remain and even increase when we pursue godliness. Joy is lost when we become legalistic.**



A very memorable moment in Guntur. Elder Cornelius and other leaders preparing the table of our Lord. The whole service was marked by an intense sense of the presence of the Lord. What a way to end the journey!

**Secondly, the 'urgency of the situation'.**

Surely the signs of the times are all around us. Are we as leaders busy

with **empire building** or are we doing what God wants; to advance the **Kingdom of God** rapidly and occupying 'enemy' territory? If we believe that the night is far spend and that the Lord is returning soon, surely some holy aggression should drive us to reach the church-less and church-loose. Nothing; not the need of money, time, other programs, any other interest or the lack thereof, or whatever excuse to reach the lost should hinder us from fulfilling the heart's desire of God (2Peter 3:9). 'Evangelism' can sound old fashioned to some, but it is the only way that has withstood the test of time in bringing the lost to the throne of grace. Sinners will not easily 'come' to church, that's why our Lord said 'GO!' Jehovah's Witnesses registered the fastest growth in the previous century. One wonders why, after all we have the truth, don't we? **The reason for such a growth?** They followed the examples and instructions of the New Testament; to *go out two by two* and to spend their time *to be trained* to proselytize those who do not belong to their sect

'*You have tarried long enough at this mountain (Deut 1:6)* made me to ask the Lord how we can fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord in a more effective way and I also asked Him to refresh my vision. **How can we advance the Kingdom of God and occupy enemy areas in the short time that we have left?** He is true and faithful and answered my prayer.

During the last clinic in Vijayawada the Lord refreshed the vision that He gave me originally. Looking back over the last number of years and our work in India it became clear to me that we have been preparing for greater things to come. Vision does not always give the 'how', so please pray that we will follow in accordance to His will. **We are definitely in need of more co-workers and encourage you to pray with us as instructed by the Lord in Luke 10v2b.** But more about this later.

I have just received feed back from Johan Greeff and Jarrod Moore about the KAT clinic that they have presented in Balangir. They have trained 14 leaders and the teaching was received with great excitement. Balangir Orissa is not an easy area and your prayers are needed. One of the 14 received Christ as Saviour and another got baptised. All 14 committed themselves to plant at least one church within the next month.

**Do you or someone you know want to become part of adventures such as these? Please contact us, YOU ARE NEEDED! We will train you, help you and get you on your way to make a difference.**

We pray for all our colleagues and friends who are workers in the harvest. May you increase in strength and in faith. We also pray for all believers to become part of the formidable army of 'kingdom of darkness' invaders.

**Thank you once again for your prayers, your interest in this ministry, your love and support that we have received over the last year. Have a wonderful festive season and time of rest. May your new year be blessed with many souls for the Kingdom of our God.**

We love you lots

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