



Confirming the Churches
 world evangelistic work of Al & Sybil Parr
 P. O. Box 662
 Lincoln, IL 62656-0662
 lincolnILchurchofchrist.org



903-721-0332 (toll-free 844-650-3223) web: acts1541.org and skywaypub.org
 facebook.com/Confirming-the-Churches-156871067687462/

email: alparr@acts1541.org
 youtube.com/c/AlParr_CTC

July - August Report, 2020

Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

As many have asked about our health I will again begin our report by saying that we remain free from infection of the coronavirus. In our county (population 28,618) there have been to date 246 cases of infection; 199 are reported as recovered. One death is reported to have been associated with COVID-19. Thank you for your prayers and inquiries. Please continue to pray for us as we do daily for you. No one whom we know personally has been infected.

Due to travel restrictions, and to quarantine requirements at destinations, our mission has had a much different character this summer. Correspondence and video work has significantly increased, and we have had time to entertain the grandchildren. Three of the children spent two weeks each with us. During these two months I produced 53 video Bible lessons of various lengths and uploaded them to several platforms. One was sent overseas by email.

Churches and Schools

During August India reached the status of having the most recorded cases of coronavirus infection. The poverty and crowded condition there make the suffering worse. I have no specific report from Hyderabad, but the church in Ibrahimpatnam has reported several cases. In the family of the preacher, N. Vijaya Rao, three members have been infected. His son, daughter-in-law, and wife have been hospitalized. His wife, Rajeswari, has suffered the most and the longest. She was in the hospital for about a week, and is having a long recovery at home. We talked with her via Skype video, thankful to see that she is able to be out of bed though her strength is building only slowly.



Distributing rupees to widows

With the help of the Lincoln church and Doug & Kathy Adams we were able send \$2400.00 to Ibrahimpatnam during these months for food and medical care. Money and

rice were given to the poor of the church, and to poor preachers of some area churches. The elders of the church in Ibrahimpatnam have personally expressed their appreciation several times.

Skype classes with Krishna River Preacher-Training School were on July 19 and August 23. I have established a practice of teaching, on the last class before graduation, "What a Preacher is to Be" as written in the letters to Timothy and Titus. Students, teachers, and elders have always expressed enthusiastic appreciation for this lesson at this time.

Since I will not be able to be present in person for the graduation program on September 5 I sent a video recording of a lesson prepared for the graduates and guests. I spoke of a new beginning of important work, basing my remarks upon Ezra 7:10.



Elder brother Krishna thanking us via video for literature and rice

The church in Riverview, New Brunswick, Canada has begun the process of opening a private school for Bible training. With fund-raising underway they began in August to clear the back part of the property on which the church meets. Scheduled to open in 2023, this school will have a huge impact on evangelization of the Maritime provinces. Our last report mentioned several personal studies underway. Those have resulted so far in one baptism and two restorations to Christ. The Maillet family has brought to all the church a heightened enthusiasm for service to the Lord. It is a joy to be a part, however small, of that work.

Literature

The Mall City church sent \$200 through us, with which the Ibrahimpatnam church bought 60 Bibles (yes, you can buy a standard-quality Bible for about three dollars). For \$950 we printed 26,000 tracts in the Telugu language. Our support also provided for the purchase of church record books as required by the government. All this literature is being divided among the churches of Christ in Krishna District and beyond as long as they last.

One new tract was published in English. "Forbearing One Another in Love" is now available directly from us at twenty-five cents each plus postage. It is an exposition of Ephesians 4:2.



Tracts and Bibles

Online Teaching



The 15-minute "Confirming the Churches Bible Class" continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 central time on Facebook (see the header of this report for the link). Monday through Friday you may see a 5-minute "Video Short Commentary" at 6:00 PM on the same page. In addition to being first posted to Facebook, the Video Short Commentaries are also being uploaded to YouTube.

Eleven Bible correspondence students submitted a total of fifty-six lessons. One student finished the complete course and asked for continued studies. Another student asked for an online counselor, which we have not been able to find due to state-line limitations on counselors' licenses.

May our Father in Heaven keep you in hope of eternity with Him.

In His service,

A. L. Parr

Confirming the Churches

www.acts1541.org

www.youtube.com/c/AIParr_CTC

<u>Contributions received July 1 - August 31:</u>	
Lincoln Church of Christ	\$2,400.00
Egypt Church of Christ	\$200.00
Harrisburg Church of Christ	\$200.00
Mall City Church of Christ	\$200.00
Elizabeth Williams	\$100.00
Doug & Kathy Adams	\$200.00
Various who handed me cash	\$25.00
 <u>Thank You for Your Support</u> <i>Please make checks payable to <u>Skyway Publishing</u> (our registered mission printing business) and mail to the address in the header of this report.</i>	