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November - December Report, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, family, and friends,

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We returned from our Texas trip on November 6, and covered the RV for the winter. Sybil received a clear report on her November 8 annual medical checkup. We made two trips to the farm in November and two more in December. We want to maintain evidence of occupancy for security purposes. Sasha and the grandchildren came down from Michigan to meet us at the farm for Thanksgiving weekend. The weather was cold, but warm enough to allow us to get some outdoor work done. We were supposed to go to Michigan for Christmas but two of them tested positive for Covid, so we stayed home. They were not especially sick, and are now recovered and back to routine. We had two video calls with them on December 24 and 25.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS



Lincoln. I began teaching from the book of Revelation in the Wednesday night class on November 18. Sybil continues to teach the teen girls on Sunday. With our Sunday morning teacher out of town for the holiday, we rearranged assignments. Doug taught the class and I preached "Losing Your Footing" from Psalm 73. Kathy Richardson, mentioned in our previous report as mostly confined to home by major illness, passed from this life early in December. Sybil and Debi Tibbs had visited with her only the day before. We hosted our annual Carols and Cookies on December 12.

Ibrahimpatnam. N. Vijaya Rao reports that he traveled 2800 miles in November for gospel preaching and disaster relief after a cyclone, a flood and an earthquake. He delivered rice and money in several places, even where Covid was heavy because that is where the greatest need was. In December he kept his tradition of "32-days' gospel meetings" (December 1 through January 1). He found everywhere a shortage of food in the markets, and grocery prices as much as 200% higher than last year. He wrote, "so many families are suffering a lot, crying and feeling very sad. My brother they need your great prayers (and) help." We sent at total of \$3,790 in these two months to help with these relief efforts.

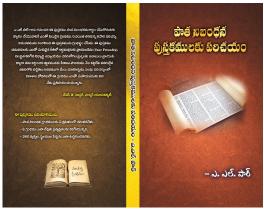


Krishna River Preacher-Training School. On November 21 the subject of my Skype class was "A Pattern for Preachers." Paul's description of his work in First and Second Thessalonians is an inspired example for preachers today. Two Hindu men attended the class. The told me later that they were amazed at the detailed instruction in the Bible, and that they were moved to study it further with Vijaya Rao. Brother Vijaya Rao wrote to me that "many Hindu and Muslim religion people like to listen to your lessons." These designations in India do not necessarily indicate practicing members of the religions, but simply people of those backgrounds. For the December 19 class the elders asked my permission to invite the entire church and area preachers to attend. They saw a need for encouragement for area Christians in view of the significant hardships of the past two years. My lesson was about

taking advantage of the new year's opportunity to remember God's long-standing promise and provision, and to renew our faith, hope, and service in the kingdom.

LITERATURE

Tracts & Books. I finished the study guide for Revelation. It is now available from Amazon. Search for "The Last Chapter of the Bible". It came up first on the list today. Brother Yeshudas Dongerdive reports that 900 copies of "Why Should I Be Baptized?" were distributed door-to-door and in the street. One phone call resulted in a home Bible study after which three souls were baptized into Christ. He has since translated "What is the Church of Christ and How Does One Become a Member of It?" Last week we sent money to him for printing of that second Marathi-



Introduction to Old Testament Books (Telugu edition)

language tract. Thanks to the longsuffering efforts of brother T. V. Samson Raj the Telugu translation of "Introduction to Old Testament Books" is now finally with the printer in Hyderabad as of the last week of December. We have ordered a print run of 2,000 copies because we have received many requests for it from four states in India. In December the tract "Why Doesn't this Church Use a Piano?" was translated into Telugu by brother T. Prasana Vijaya Kumar.

Confirming the Churches Bible Class

ONLINE TEACHING

Confirming the Churches Bible Class. Facebook (the Confirming the churches page) every Wednesday at 10:00 AM central time. On November 3 the class was on the epistle to Philemon. On November 10 we began lessons from the first general epistle of John. My newest video camera failed in the midst of a recording of the Revelation class. It seemed to test OK a couple of days later, but it failed again during the recording of the following week's CTCBC. I used an older backup

camera until I was able to purchase a new Sony model for about \$700.

YouTube. During the last two weeks of December I have uploaded about 50 videos to the channel, and organized them in playlists according to the books of the Bible. There are still a large number of videos yet to be uploaded of Bible classes and sermons. See the link to the channel in the masthead of this report.

Bible Correspondence Courses. Two students sent seventeen lessons during these two months.

Thank you again for your support. May God bless you every day.

In His service,



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