

India Report



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I left Houston on Tuesday, August 4 at 3:50 p.m. and arrived in Frankfurt, Germany on Wednesday, August 5 at 8:40 a.m. I left Frankfurt at 1:30 p.m. and arrived in Bangalore at 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 22 hours after leaving Houston. I got to the hotel at 3:00 a.m. and slept for a few hours, ate lunch, went to exchange money and then to the South India Bible College. I took care of the business I needed to do and spoke to the Bible class. Then it was back to the hotel, eat dinner, and take care of a few things. I went to bed early!

On Friday, August 7, I got up at 5:45 a.m. exercised, got ready, and ate breakfast. Charles, our general manager, picked me up at 8:20 a.m. and we went to the college. Sixty-seven preachers were present. Some were denominational preachers who were invited to study with us. In the first session I asked the preachers to introduce themselves and tell some things about themselves and their work. It was a wonderful session. We spent the rest of the day studying some of the parables. Following the class I returned to the hotel, ate dinner, and started preparing to leave the next morning for my next stop. On Saturday, August 8, I got up at 5:30, got ready, and left for Kurnool at 8:00 a.m. We arrived at 12:30 p.m., checked into the hotel, ate a quick lunch, and left at 1:20 p.m. to preach in two villages. Twenty were baptized. They were a long distance away and we got back to the hotel at 10:00 p.m. On Sunday, August 9, we preached in five villages, baptized 40, and got back to the hotel at 10:00 p.m. On Monday, August 10, we had a session at the South India Bible College, Kurnool with 105 preachers present. Afterwards, we preached in two villages, baptized 27, and returned to the hotel at 6:00 p.m. I got caught up on my paper work and packed to leave for Kadapa.

On Tuesday, August 11, I got up at 6:00 a.m., got ready and ate, and checked out of the Kurnool hotel and headed to Kadapa. We had five meetings along the way and baptized 61 souls into Christ. We checked into the hotel at 6:15 p.m. and, believe it or not, went to KFC for dinner! On Wednesday, August 12, we had a session at the South India Bible College, Kadapa with 60 preachers present. Afterwards, we left to preach. In the first village there was a large crowd and we met outside. It started to rain and no one moved! They just sat there until I finished my sermon. Then we went to an irrigation tank to baptize people. We preached in two other villages and baptized 16 altogether.

Thursday, August 13, was a travel day. I left Kadapa and went to Chennai. We had three days of classes at the South India Bible College, Chennai. Here we studied the letter to the Philippians. We also had some evening meetings. Forty five were baptized into Christ in Chennai. During this short trip I taught five days of Bible Classes and preached in twenty-two meetings. Altogether 219 souls were baptized into Christ. To God be the glory.

On Monday, August 17, I packed up and headed back to Bangalore. I booked a taxi for 1:30 p.m. and he didn't show up until 2:00. I barely made my flight. I left Bangalore at 3:00 a.m., had a five hour layover at Frankfurt, and arrived in Houston at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18. The trip took about 25 hours. *Dale Foster*

