

RECONCILIATION REPORT

India 2005 Photo Journey

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Researching, Teaching, Mobilizing, for the Name— Serving Primarily African-Americans

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We had the privilege to teach Principles of Spiritual Growth during 8 days of seminars for pastors, church leaders and pastors' wives/women leaders. Jim taught a total of 275 men for an average of 4.5 hours each, while Bertha and Flo taught about 170 women for an average of 4.8 hours each. Our aim was to edify and encourage these Christian workers, who labor as a small minority. We had the unusual opportunity to serve workers among the unevangelized.

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Cities in which we taught seminars, arranged by the India Gospel League www.iglworld.org

Quick Facts (2005): Population: 1 billion, 97 million Hindus: 74%, Muslims: 12%, Christians: 6%, Sikhs: 2% 42.5% of India is unevangelized (World A) = 466.4 million; By 2025 a projected 39.1% will <u>still</u> be unevangelized 454 People Groups in India Adult literacy is 52%; Life expectancy is 65; Pray for Indians Source: World Christian Database www.worldchristiandatabase.org



Mumbai (Bombay) apartments

conferences for women







Bertha Lloyd (left) has been with the Director 8 times to Uganda, once to Dominica, and now to India. Flo Samuels has been twice to Uganda and twice to India with RMN. They are veterans and wonderful teacher/ counselors and ministry partners—now on three continents. Bertha is RMN prayer coordinator. Bertha attends Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Flo attends New Covenant Fellowship (predominately African American). Both churches are solidly behind their ministries.

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Christian Perfection

We taught Principles of Spiritual Growth. The goal of such growth is to attain to the character of Jesus Christ (Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:15; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Pet. 3:18). The finish line is perfection (Matt. 5:48). Being holy is another way to state it. I squirm at holiness conferences and even talk of holiness, but it is exactly what God expects of us—the Christtemplate that God lays on us. To what have we attained, by God's Spirit and grace?

"Perfectionism" is abnormal to psychologists, and if we try for perfection apart from the Spirit, we'll experience and give much pain. But perfection is precisely to where God leads Christians, and we should not be entirely satisfied unto we're there (Eph. 5:25-27). Amazingly, we can actually pray for perfection—2 Cor. 13:9. I was a recovering perfectionist, but now am recovering from recovering. We need to pray for each other. Jim S.



conferences for Men





Jim S. teaching from a laptop—the LCD projector had died. His outfit is Indian—a kind gift of Rev. S., who has baptized over 10,000 in an area where only 1% is Christian.

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Prayer and Praise



Currently Judi Sutherland is helping her mother, who is in a nursing home in NY. Pray for wisdom for best care for her mother.

↑ We felt the prayer intercession in India. We

taught 8 days, preached two Sundays, and took 3 overnight trains—a very efficient schedule. Travel to and from the US took another 6 days. We had good health and many encouraging words from those



Hindu priest collecting alms for a safe journey

served. We did not feel the earthquake.

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The response is good to evangelism in the local neighborhood. Many have accepted New Testaments, and a few made a profession of faith. Contacts are ongoing at the Westside, but no breakthroughs. Please pray for more coworkers.

 Please continue to pray that we'll take teams where God wants in 2006. Ask God for African-American Team members by which to catch and transmit a global missions vision.

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Other needs:

- An assistant director and an intern
- Updating of website (yet over 8,500 visits in October)
- The ability to catch up on research projects
- For wisdom for our RMNI Board of Directors, meeting Nov. 8.
- For wisdom in the stewardship of funds-God continues to graciously provide for all needs through you.