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Bible Study. 19.3.93.

Inter-Mission Field Consultation, Florida - January 9-15, 1983

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A.B. Masilamani

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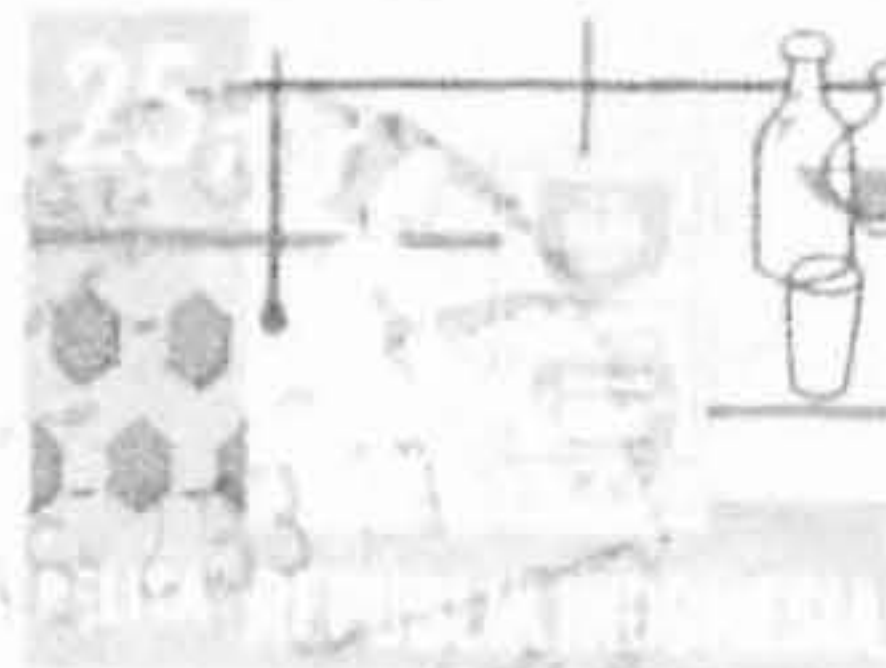
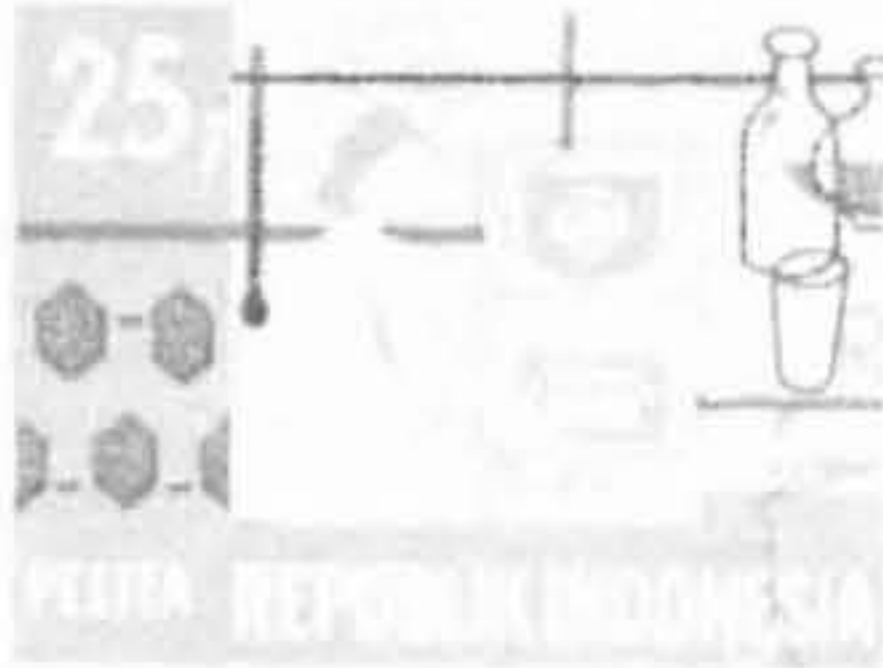
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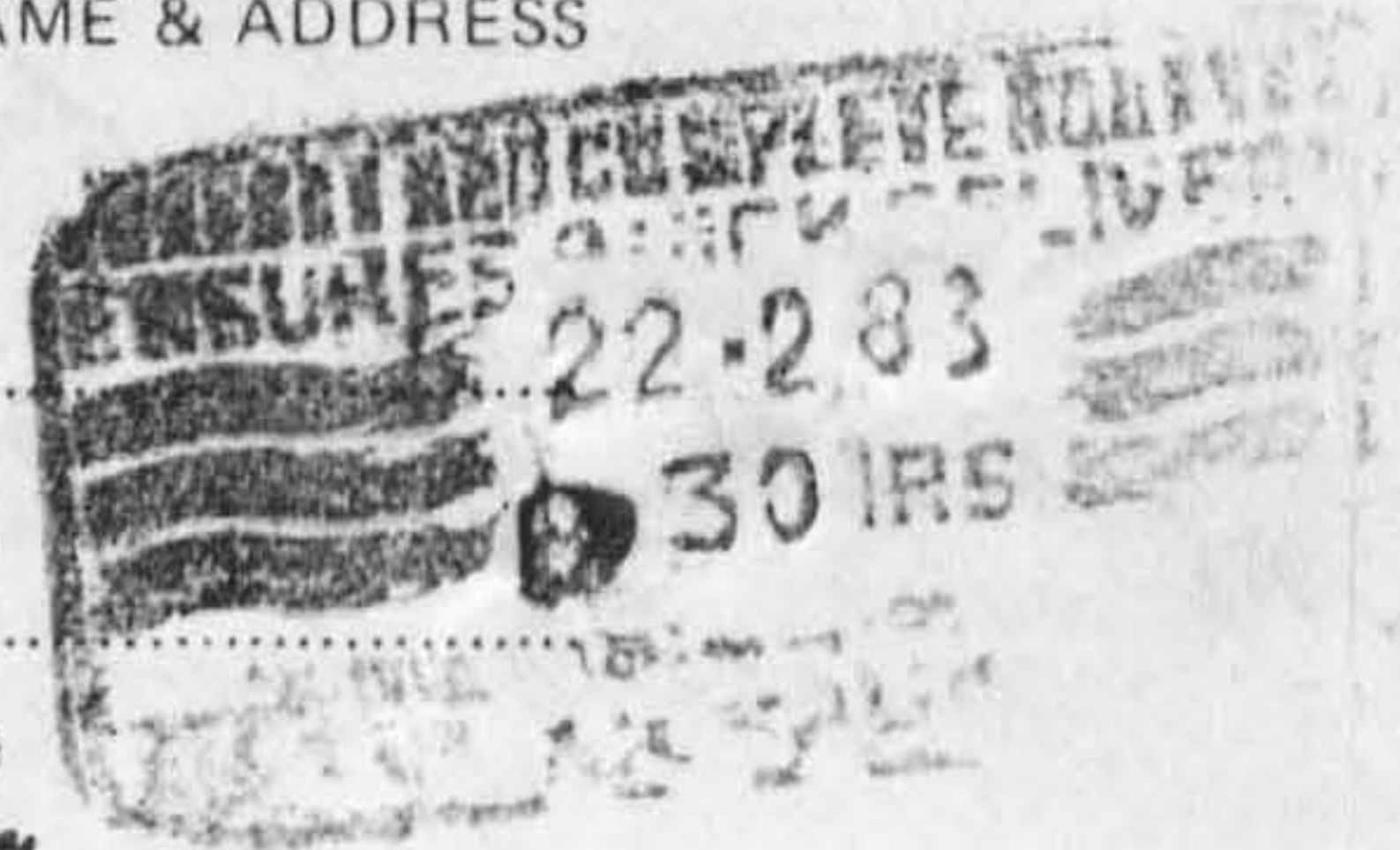


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February 16, 1983

Ref.: Baptist Consultation meeting, Hyderabad

Dear

Expecting that you will be coming to Consultation meeting I am entrusting you to take part in the programme as leader / presenting report/ chairperson/ session leader.

We are expecting report from all the different Baptist groups in India. We want report from (foreign Mission) parent representatives but only those who are in India can do it. I hope some of them will give report about their mission work in India.

The change of date to March 17th - 19th, 83 may make some of you inconvenient to attend the meeting, if that is the case please send your report (and passport photo size of your photo) to the BUI Executive Secretary, Dimapur or to the President, Hyderabad. So that we can read out your report in the meeting. Please take this as very important matter / report for future reference.

Keep on praying for the consultation meeting.

Looking forward to meet you at Hyderabad.

Yours in Christ

R. Terhuja
R. Terhuja, Executive Secretary
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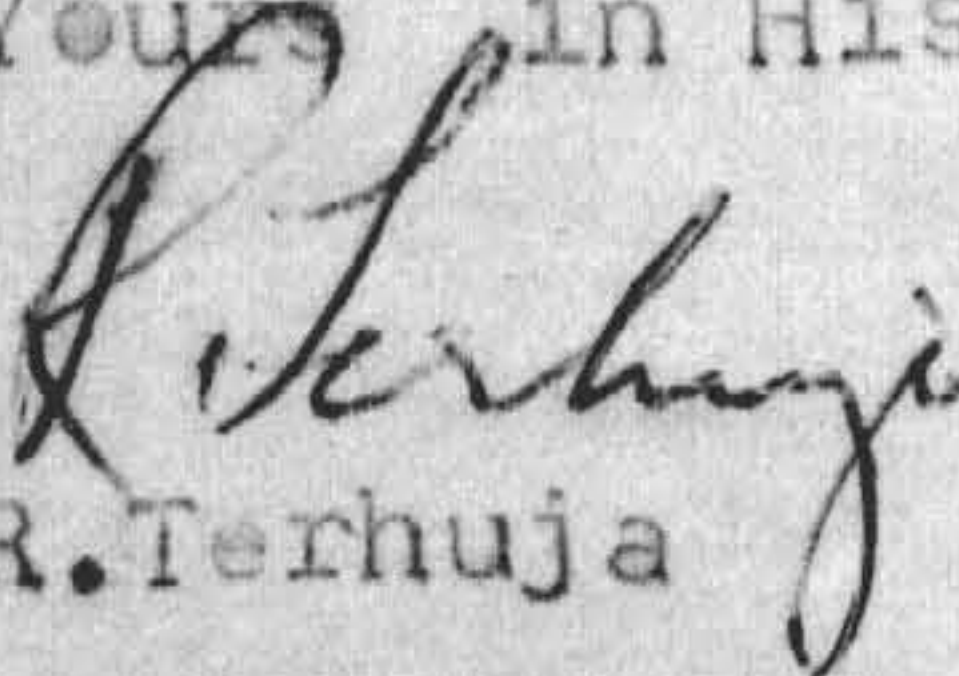
The first Baptist leaders consultation meeting will be held at Hyderabad Baptist Church, Hyderabad during March 17 - 19, 83. This will be a time of sharing, reporting of Baptist works in India.

We will be glad if you can make your time to attend the meeting and present your view of Church growth programme in Baptist fields in India.

Keep on praying for the success of the consultation meeting.

With kind regards

Yours in His service


R. Terhuja



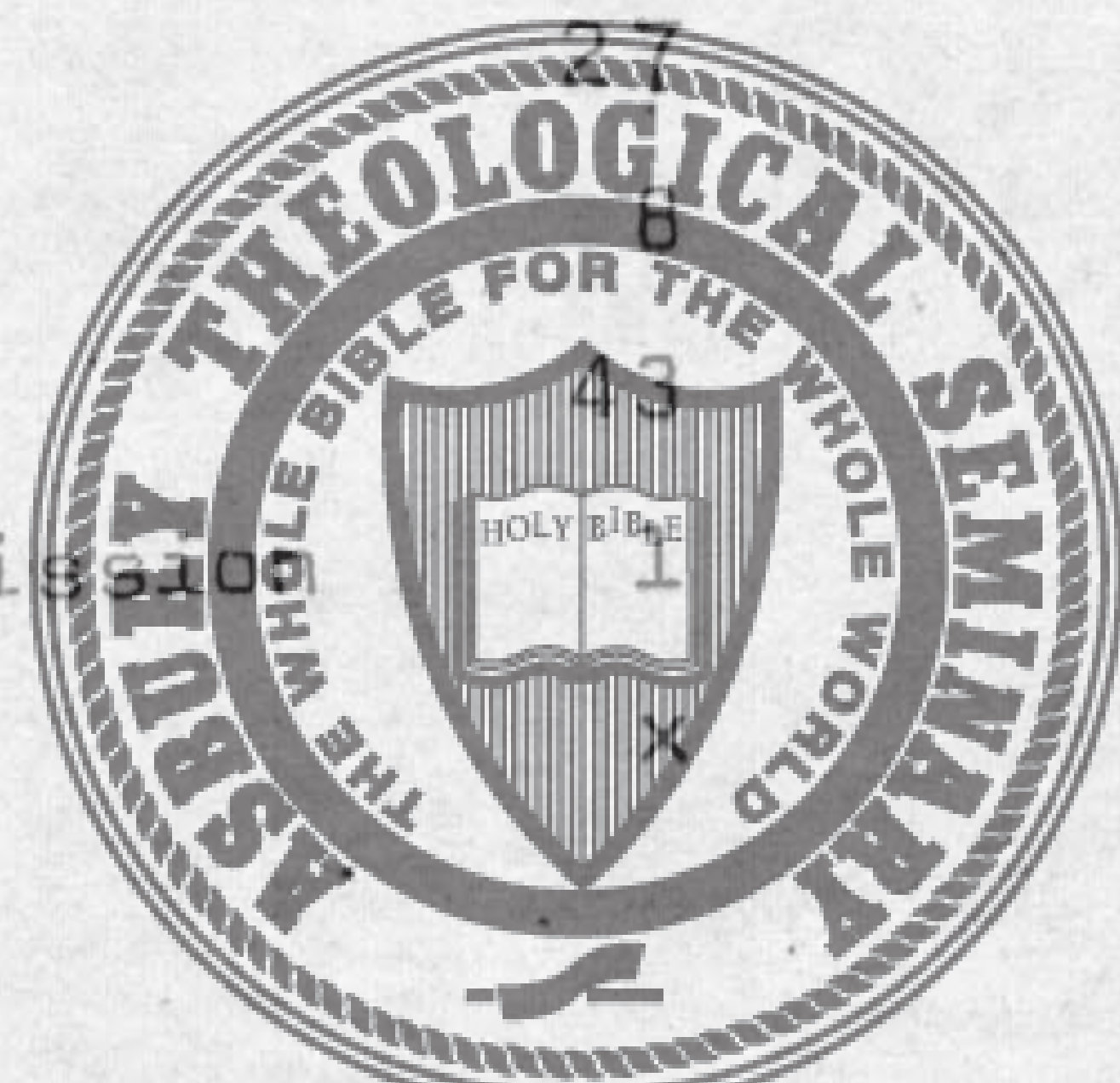
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Name	Secretary	Parent Mission	No. Church	Ch. member	Ch. Population	College	School	Hospital	Dispensary
1. N.B.C.C.	Rev. Phuveyi Dozo	Rev. R.W. Beaver BIM	1089	180,000	455,000	1	40	2	X
2. M.B.C.	Rev. Ramkhun Pamei	BIM	1069	80,270	181,989	X	100	1	X
3. A.B.C.	Mr. Sarat Sarma	BIM	240	15,558		X	X	X	X
4. G.B.C.	Rev. K. Sangma	BIM	1115	80,599	120,300	X	1	2	X
5. C.B.C.N.E.I	Rev. K.I. Aier	BIM	3428	347,303	1041,909	X	7	7	X
(Nos 1 - 4 conventions are under the CBCNEI + Arunachal Baptist Association, Karbi Along Baptist Association)									
6. G.B.U.	Rev. H. Sangma	Rev. J.D. William ABMS	135	6,570	17,273	X	5	X	6
7. B.C.M.	Dr. C.L. Hminga	Mr. Stanley Mudd	240	33,000	59,008	X	26	1	1
8. T.B.C.U.	Rev. Hnehliana	Rev. S.L. Edgar	220	9,600	18,800	X	1	X	X
9. N.B.B.E.A.	Rev. D. Bhuyan	Rev. H.H. Skoglund	312	16,000	40,000	X	5	2	3
10. B.B.U	Mr. A.K. Saha		85	5,005	23,577	X	50	X	X
11. C.S.S.	Rev. S.K. Bepari	BIM	63	5,893	23,572	X	0	1	2
12. U.B.C.C.C.	Mr. S. Ch. Nag	BMS	69	4,800	10,000	X	X	X	X
13. S.T.B.C	Rev. B.V. Emmanuel	BIM	697	298,873	600,000	7	27	2	3
14. C.B.C.N.C.	x	Rev. Robert C. Berry	180	125,000	2200,000	X	110	4	6
15. K.B.S.S.	Rev. D.K. Paulraj	IBM		1,997	x	X	X	1	X
16. U.C.I.	Rev. B. Samuel	Rev. M. Blanchard		2,500	3,000	X	1	X	X
17. F.W.B.C.I.	Mr. Pramod March	Rev. J.H. Ingram		18,634	22,213	X	9	X	1
18. L.C.B.M	x	Lott Carey Bap. Mission		150	x	X	X	X	X
19. B.U.N.I.	Mr. G.W. Massey	BMS		x	x	X	X	X	X



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BUI Office, Dimapur, Nagaland

State	Capital	Languages	Area	Population	Bapt. member	Baptist Popl
1. Assam	Dispur	Assamese, Bangali English	78,253 Sq.Km.	19,902,826	22,565	X
2. Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Tribal dialects English	87,573 Sq.Km	628,050	20,193	X
3. Manipur	Imphal	Manipuri, English	22,356 Sq.Km	1,433,691	80,270	181,989
4. Meghalaya	Shillong	Tribal dialects Khasi, English		1,327,874	80,599	120,300
5. Mizoram	Aizawal	Lushai, English	23,980	487,774	33,000	59,008
6. Nagaland	Kohima	Tribal dialects, English	16,527	773,281	180,000	455,000
7. Tripura	Agartola	Tripuri, Bengali English	10,477	2,060,189	,500	18,800
				26,703,685	426,227	4



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Dr. Van W. Williams, III, Treasurer
Indian Baptist Mission,
383, Upper Palace Orchards,
Bangalore - 560 080.

23 February, 1983.

Dear Dr. Van Williams:

Greetings in Jesus' Name from CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE, Madras. Thank you very much for your kind letter of February 17, 1983, addressed to Mr. Paul R. Viswasam. We appreciate your graciousness in replacing the earlier cheque. I apologise for this inconvenience. Our office should have instructed you clearly to make all cheques or drafts to the CHURCH GROWTH ASSOCIATION OF INDIA. Thank you also for the further cheque of \$600. We are indeed grateful for this generous support toward our research and training programme of the CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE. The office will be sending an official receipt, but I wanted to express my personal appreciation.

Next month I look forward to attending the Baptist Consultation at Hyderabad. According to a telegram just received from Jerry Rankin, I see that this has been postponed to March 17 - 19. I look forward to being there and presenting a paper on some research findings of interest to Baptists as we consider further church planting outreach in parts of India.

Warm personal regards to you, your family, and colleagues.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund.

RH:pm



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2 March, 1983.

Dear Rev. G. Samuel:

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Madras.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the forthcoming Baptist Consultation to be held at your Church 17 - 19 March. Rev. Jerry Rankin has invited me to present a research paper at this Consultation. I have a reservation on the No. 53, Hyderabad Express, leaving Madras on 16 evening, arriving Hyderabad 17 morning. Would it be possible for you to send someone to meet us? A visitor is expected to be travelling with me. I am sorry to trouble you in this way, but it would be extremely helpful to us as we do not know our way about the City, if someone could meet us to guide us to your Church or the meeting place. I am sure then we will have opportunity to arrange our accommodation at some inexpensive guest room, however if you know of such, we would be pleased for you to make reservation. Last time I stayed with our friends, Rev. and Mrs. Poetker, and we also are well acquainted with the Rev. and Mrs. Stubbs of the Assemblies of God, who live somewhere in your City. Several years ago I recall staying at a C.S.I. Guest House. If this is not too much trouble for you, would it be possible to phone perhaps the Stubbs to see if they might have an available room? Or it may be that something has been arranged somewhat near to the meeting place, but I do not know.

Dear Pastor, I hesitate to inconvenience you further, but I have a problem. Following the Baptist Consultation, I have a few days before I must travel to Maharashtra for a Conference at Nandubar. The problem is that the Travel Agent in Madras is unable to book this ticket. Do you have someone in your Church who could do this for me? I am extremely embarrassed to ask for this special favour. I will be happy to send the money. If possible I would like a reservation from Hyderabad to Nandubar, Maharashtra, by the most convenient trains, preferably 1st class A/C Sleeper or if that is not available, 2nd class. Several different routes have been suggested but I do not know the best way to travel. If someone in the railwayways or an agent who does rail bookings, could work this out for me, I should be



extremely grateful. I wish to arrive at Nandubar on 23 March. Presumably then I may need to leave on 22 March from Hyderabad, but that may depend on the train connection. I will be extremely grateful if you could hand this over to someone to do. Please feel free to send a telegram to me informing the amount of money I should send, or otherwise I may reimburse upon my arrival. This is a reservation for one person only, namely myself.

Thank you very much, and I apologise for the inconvenience to you.

My greetings to your wife and family. I look forward to seeing you at this Consultation.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund.

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**"RESEARCH INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIVE PEOPLES AND AREAS:
A BAPTIST REPORT"**

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this paper is to present some preliminary research findings related to responsive peoples in India. This information can be used to identify areas of high potential for Baptists to initiate church planting efforts. India is more Christian than is generally recognized. With 27 million (2.7 crores) Christians in 1980, 3.9% of the population is Christian (Barrett 1982). Some 91,000 congregations of Christians represent numerous large and small denominations and fellowships. Five Indian languages have more than one million Christian speakers each: Malayalam (8.5 million), Tamil (5.58 million), Telugu (3.48 million), Marathi (1.35 million) and Kannada (1.16 million).

Christianity is an ancient religion of India, originating in South India in A.D. 52, according to the St. Thomas tradition. The further development of Christianity in the sub-continent is traceable to several infusions. From the Roman Catholic side, the coming of Francis Xavier in 1542 had a major impact resulting in 60,000 converts in 10 years. The first Protestant input with the coming of Ziegenbalg and Plutsschau in 1706. In 1798 some 40,000 Protestant Christians were reported in South India. The coming of William Carey in 1793 began a new epoch, the modern Missionary movement, which, through a variety of efforts and agencies, resulted in the penetration of most areas of the land (Neill 1971).

The spread of Christianity, however, has been uneven. About 80% of India's Christians is found in the South, especially in the coastal areas of Kerala, Goa, Tamilnadu and Andhra. Another 15% of India's Christians is found in the North East where several states are substantially Christian -- Manipur 26%, Meghalaya about 50%, Nagaland probably about 80%, and Mizoram 86% Christian (Hedlund 1982). The remaining 5% of India's Christians are thinly and unevenly spread out over the vast areas of North and Central India but includes pockets of concentration at Bombay (7% Christian) and among tribals in Orissa and Bihar (Ranchi). In most areas may be found substantial unevangelized populations and by-passed people groups. Before turning to some of these, let us take a closer look at Baptists in India.

BAPTISTS IN INDIA

Baptists in India consist of at least 6,832 known congregations. Terhuja (1982) indicates over 9,00,000 communicants and a total Baptist population of 2.5 million. Barrett lists 23 Baptist bodies for which he gives statistics, but he mentions 6 additional organizations said to be working in India for which he gives no statistics. Rankin in several papers has provided information about six additional Baptist bodies. Thus India has at least 30 different Baptist denominations or associations (see Appendix A). The largest of these bodies is the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) which is also the second largest Protestant denomination in India (the Church of South India is the largest). The CBCNEI is itself a conglomeration of local Baptist associations and conventions.

The most distinctive thing about Baptists in India is their diversity along local cultural lines. This is most evident in North East India where the different associations generally represent different tribes. In Nagaland, for example, a separate Baptist Association of Churches is found in each major tribe, all of which participate in the Nagaland Baptist Church Council which itself is part of CBCNEI. That the style of Church government is also modified by traditional local cultural patterns is reflected, for example, in the organizational structure of the Baptist Church of Mizoram.

The largest concentration of Baptists is in the North east with about 12,00,000 members. The second centre of Baptist population is Andhra with more than 6,00,000 Baptist members (see Appendix B). Smaller groups of Baptists are found scattered in other areas of India including several affiliated Baptist congregations in the cities of Calcutta, Bombay, Bangalore, Madras. These Baptist associations and churches together with their own self-help Baptist Missions agencies, represent a potential force for a fresh church approach in this country. Keen interest in outreach and evangelization is evident. In North East India the Mizos and Nagas have been engaged not only in concerted evangelization of their own people but in missionary outreach to neighbouring tribes and in outside areas. The Zoram



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**"RESEARCH INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSIVE PEOPLES AND AREAS;
A BAPTIST REPORT"**

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this paper is to present some preliminary research findings related to responsive peoples in India. This information can be used to identify areas of high potential for Baptists to initiate church planting efforts. India is more Christian than is generally recognized. With 27 million (2.7 crores) Christians in 1980, 3.9% of the population is Christian (Barrett 1982). Some 91,000 congregations of Christians represent numerous large and small denominations and fellowships. Five Indian languages have more than one million Christian speakers each; Malayalam (8.5 million), Tamil (5.58 million), Telugu (3.48 million), Marathi (1.35 million) and Kannada (1.16 million).

Christianity is an ancient religion of India, originating in South India in A.D. 52, according to the St. Thomas tradition. The further development of Christianity in the sub-continent is traceable to several infusions. From the Roman Catholic side, the coming of Francis Xavier in 1542 had a major impact resulting in 60,000 converts in 10 years. The first Protestant input with the coming of Ziegenbalg and Plutsschau in 1706. In 1798 some 40,000 Protestant Christians were reported in South India. The coming of William Carey in 1793 began a new epoch, the modern Missionary movement, which, through a variety of efforts and agencies, resulted in the penetration of most areas of the land (Neill 1971).

The spread of Christianity, however, has been uneven. About 80% of India's Christians is found in the South, especially in the coastal areas of Kerala, Goa, Tamilnadu and Andhra. Another 15% of India's Christians is found in the North East where several states are substantially Christian -- Manipur 26%, Meghalaya about 50%, Nagaland probably about 80%, and Mizoram 86% Christian (Hedlund 1982). The remaining 5% of India's Christians are thinly and unevenly spread out over the vast areas of North and Central India but includes pockets of concentration at Bombay (7% Christian) and among tribals in Orissa and Bihar (Ranchi). In most areas may be found substantial unevangelized populations and by-passed people groups. Before turning to some of these, let us take a closer look at Baptists in India.

BAPTISTS IN INDIA

Baptists in India consist of at least 6,832 known congregations. Terhuja (1982) indicates over 9,00,000 communicants and a total Baptist population of 2.5 million. Barrett lists 23 Baptist bodies for which he gives statistics, but he mentions 6 additional organizations said to be working in India for which he gives no statistics. Rankin in several papers has provided information about six additional Baptist bodies. Thus India has at least 30 different Baptist denominations or associations (see Appendix A). The largest of these bodies is the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) which is also the second largest Protestant denomination in India (the Church of South India is the largest). The CBCNEI is itself a conglomeration of local Baptist associations and conventions.

The most distinctive thing about Baptists in India is their diversity along local cultural lines. This is most evident in North East India where the different associations generally represent different tribes. In Nagaland, for example, a separate Baptist Association of Churches is found in each major tribe, all of which participate in the Nagaland Baptist Church Council which itself is part of CBCNEI. That the style of Church government is also modified by traditional local cultural patterns is reflected, for example, in the organizational structure of the Baptist Church of Mizoram.

The largest concentration of Baptists is in the North east with about 12,00,000 members. The second centre of Baptist population is Andhra with more than 6,00,000 Baptist members (see Appendix B). Smaller groups of Baptists are found scattered in other areas of India including several isolated Baptist congregations in the cities of Calcutta, Bombay, Bangalore, etc. These Baptist associations and churches together with their own and other Baptist Missions agencies, represent a potential force for a fresh church presence and outreach in this country. Keen interest in outreach and evangelization is evident. In North East India the Mizos and Nagas have been engaged in evangelization of their own people but in missionary outreach to neighboring tribes and in outside areas. The Zoram



Baptist Mission sends missionaries to Madhya Pradesh as well as into Assam and bordering states in North East India. Several mission agencies have sprung up among the Nagas. North East India has at least 15 indigenous mission agencies (Hedlund and Hrangkhuma 1980), at least half of which are Baptist. Ecclesiastically, North East India is primarily Baptist territory. What about other areas of India? Where are there promising fields for Church growth from fresh foundations?

RESEARCH FINDINGS

As Baptists consider the possibilities of advance on new ground, it is wise to have a look at the actual situation. That Christianity is so unevenly spread is due to a number of factors. It is not correct to assume that largely unchurched areas have been overlooked by the Church, nor can we dismiss such areas as "resistant". India is exceedingly complex. Each major linguistic region should be treated as a separate entity inhabited by a diversified population. CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE is engaged in people-oriented evangelistic research in several areas of the country. A brief summary about the Church, unreached peoples and related information on each state of India is found in BUILDING THE CHURCH (Hedlund 1982). The information which follows is drawn from several current research projects.

1. Andhra Pradesh. Not only is Andhra a Baptist area with a sizable Christian population stemming from conversion movements of the past, Andhra is the only state in which there is a significant movement to Christ among the Hindu Castes. In order to better understand this phenomenon, a research effort is in progress to measure the extent of the Christian penetration of Hindu castes in several coastal districts. This movement is felt to centre in Krishna district which is already a Christian stronghold in the state. Investigation of Krishna District is expected to yield significant information. Preliminary findings in other districts seem to indicate trends.

In East Godavari it was found that the Harijans, representing about one fourth of the total population of the district, were 23.2% Christian. Only 1.8% from the "respectable" Hindu castes had become Christians. A closer look, however, reveals the following: from the populous Kapu caste (2,06,000) 1,519 had become Christians (0.7%); from the Kammas (61,000) there were 688 converts (1.1%). The Chettybalijas (57,800) had become 4.1% Christian (2,362 converts), and the 16,000 Yeru Kala/Brakala had become 9.5% Christian (1,529 converts). In this district smaller numbers of Brahmins (190 out of 33,750 or 0.5%) and Reddys (138 out of 16,500 or 0.8%) had converted, but 935 Kshatriyas (2.2% out of 42,000) had become Christians. Ten percent (650) of the Devangulu caste had become Christians. No converts were reported from the Lambadees, Koya, Yadava, Mangali, and Vadrangi castes in East Godavari. When asked whether they felt that many more of their people would soon turn to Christ, Caste convert Christians in 48 villages replied "yes", three replied "No", and 25 said "maybe". In other words, in 73 out of 76 villages a further conversion movement was believed possible.

The picture is slightly different in West Godavari. Here the Harijans, comprising 43% of the population, are 33.8% Christian and 2.9% of the Hindus have become Christian. The largest number is from the Kappu community with 3,864 converts (2.9% of the caste), followed by the Kammas with 1,660 (1.8% of the total). In this district converts seem to have come from every community including the Brahmin which has yielded 927 converts (5.2%)! Other significant Christian groups come from the Reddys (5.4% Christian 860 converts), Chowdris (8.2% Christian, 618 converts), the Gowdas (6.3% Christian, 543 converts) and the Eadigas (6.5% Christian 312 converts). Caste convert Christians in 22 villages believe that many more of their people would soon turn to Christ, in 19 villages they felt this might be a possibility, and in only 5 villages did they feel this was not at all likely. When asked whether the formation of separate congregations of caste convert Christian would encourage the conversion movement, 26 villages said "yes", whereas 20 said "No". It seems significant that Christ groups, Bible study groups and unbaptized secret believers were also found in 26 villages.

Research is in progress in Guntur District and is anticipated in Krishna District as well as in Hyderabad. This is expected to give more accurate picture of what is happening in this state. Potential appears high. Baptists need to examine carefully what approach is needed and appropriate for this situation of harvest. The needs of existing autonomous groups of new believers should be considered.

The large and important city of Hyderabad should be considered as a separate entity. The noteworthy achievements of the Hyderabad Baptist Church should not be overlooked. A complete study of the Twin Cities is projected.

2. Tamil Nadu. Data collection in Tamil Nadu has focused on 3 Southern districts: Ramnad, Madurai and Tirunelveli. Final tabulations are not in, but complete data is on hand for the 17 taluqs of Ramnad. Some 1,62,000 Christians comprise 5.65% of the populations of the district. The three predominant Christian traditions are the Roman Catholic with 50,000 members, the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran



Church with 14,000 and the Church of South India with more than 10,000 in 1982. The Roman Catholics had a decadal growth rate of 21.19%, the Church of South India 19.8%, while the Lutherans increased only 10.3% from 1972 to 1982. Other Christian traditions in the District include the Assemblies of God, Ceylon Pentecostal Mission, Brethren and a local group known as KIRUBASANAM.

The ethnic background of the three predominant Churches makes an interesting comparison. Harijans comprise 51% of the Church of South India membership and 75% of the T.E.L.C., but only 22% of the Roman Catholic membership. Nadars made up 30% of the membership in C.S.I., 13% in T.E.L.C., and 14% in the Roman Catholic Church. Some 17% in the Roman Catholic Church is Vellalar and about 2% of the T.E.L.C. The Roman Catholic membership also is approximately 29% Udaiyar, 3% Thevar, 3% Kallar, 2% Mudaliar, and 1% Reddiar background. The Church of South India membership also is about 5% Thevar, 3% Maravar, 3% Panikar, and 2% Pillai in origin along with smaller representations from other communities in Ramnad District.

It is estimated that about 8.5% of the Udaiyar Community (13,000 out of 1,51,000) has become Christian, about 7% of the Nadars (10,000 out of 1,40,000), 3.8% of the Vellalars (6,500 out of 1,67,500), and 4.6% (24,000 out of 5,21,500) of the various Harijan castes. The dominant Kallar, Maravar, and Agumudaiyar communities appear to have yielded fewer than 3,000 converts to Christianity in Ramnad District..

In adjoining Madurai District and in Western Tirunelveli, the Thevars and the Kallars have exhibited signs of receptivity. Hundreds have been baptized by the Churches of Christ in Tirunelveli, and incidents reported from Madurai suggest an openness in these communities. Classed by the government as background backward communities, these people are in need of social uplift and economic development.

Data is yet to be collected for each of the districts in order to have a complete picture of the states of the unreached and of the Church throughout the state. We have begun with a detailed survey in the three districts which we think might be crucial for a fresh people movement to Christ, but other important areas may also be found in this responsive state. Harijans are responsive, but are neglected by the Church. The City of Madras has more churches (523) than any other city in India. But the City has numerous "hidden" people groups not being contacted by existing Churches. No one has a serious strategy for evangelizing either the Hindus or the Muslims.

3. Western India. A survey of the Western Tribal Belt running through Rajasthan, Gujarat and the corners of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra has been completed. Seminars were conducted in December 1980 and in August 1982 for the workers of the various missions and churches engaged in tribal evangelization. A series of small people movements seem to be starting and growing among several tribes. This is a very sensitive situation. The information is somewhat privileged and there should be no publicity. I am not recommending the tribal belt as a Baptist field at this time. It is already entered by the Church of North India and Methodists of Gujarat, the Rajasthan Pentecostal and the Rajasthan Bible Institute, by TEAM and SAM in Maharashtra and by numerous indigenous missions such as INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, INDIAN EVANGELICAL MISSION, FRIENDS MISSIONARY PRAYER BAND and several others.

I do suggest the possibility of further survey of the non-tribal peoples of this area. It has been reported that there are completely neglected former Christians from Pakistan living in isolation in Rajasthan and Punjab. Perhaps Baptists should try to locate this community and determine their needs as well as the possibility of further outreach in the area.

4. Maharashtra. A separate district by district survey of the tribes of Maharashtra is being carried out in this year. Very little evangelism of tribals is being carried out, so far as is known. The purpose of this survey is to compile factual information and then to challenge the Churches and Christian agencies with the need and possibilities. Anything related to tribals is sensitive and must be given a very low profile. Baptists should give further thought to Maharashtra, but first a survey should be conducted among non-tribal populations of the state.

The City of Bombay offers numerous Church planting needs and opportunities. Baptists might study the ethno-linguistic Church planting done by Methodists in the city. Evangelization in this leading metropolis requires careful long-range planning, sound indigenous policies and clear objectives. In other words a strategy and a plan. George Samuel's analysis and suggestions should be considered carefully in opening Bombay as a Baptist Church planting area.

Baptist work has been started in the smaller cities such as Nagpur (BCA) and should be extended to Pune as well as other centres.



OTHER AREAS OF RESPONSE

In the search for fields, it is not necessary to look toward the spiritual "deserts" alone. While areas of resistance should be carefully watered and the soil prepared for an eventual harvest, the purpose of research is to discover areas of need and of ripeness and to discern where the Holy Spirit is at work in various ways in many places. I will now suggest a few such areas for Baptist consideration.

1. Assam. North East India is Baptist country, as we have previously noted. The present state of Assam is surrounded by Christian populations, primarily Baptist. The North East is out of bounds for any foreign missionary involvement, and evangelization is rightly in the hands of local bodies such as the COUNCIL OF BAPTIST CHURCHES IN NORTH EAST INDIA, the North Bank Baptist Association, the Nagaland Missionary Movement and the Zoram Baptist Mission as well as others. Evangelization is in progress among the Rabhas and other tribes of the state. Is there more that can be done? Would a Baptist missionary training institute be an asset to the cause? Would such a centre help the developing Christian movement in Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, and the Burma border?

2. Karnataka. In this least Christian state of South India, the Telugus have been found responsive by Baptists as well as by other denominations engaging in aggressive evangelism. According to some para-Church agencies, there has been an unprecedented interest in the Gospel among the Kannada people in recent years. This should be explored. The presence of various ethno-linguistic groups suggests the possibility of continuing and accelerated growth for the Baptist Convention in this state.

3. Madhya Pradesh. Generally considered one of the more resistant parts of India, Madhya Pradesh has been identified as an area of church growth by the Roman Catholics! Exactly what this means is not clear, but from time to time response has come from the Satnasis and other minority groups in the state. I am not suggesting M.P. as a priority church planting field, but my point is that situations sometimes change and that we need to keep alert and aware.

4. Orissa. Like Madhya Pradesh, Orissa is a state which expresses its opposition to Christianity in the form of legislation to inhibit conversion. Nevertheless, this state seems to have considerable conversion movement among the tribals. Orissa is a Baptist field; BMS, ABFMS, CBOMB. The spiritual and social needs of the needy and oppressed should not be overlooked as an area for expanded Baptist involvement. Kanjamala's study (1981) of the Catholic population of Northern Orissa offers some helpful insights.

5. Uttar Pradesh. The most populous state of India has not been the most responsive to the Christian message. Nevertheless the present restless quest of Harijan populations bears further investigation. It is reported that some are ready for conversion. For the most part of the church is not present to respond to the needs of the oppressed. Response to the Gospel has been recorded by Christian organizations working among some of the peoples of the state. A sensitive approach could be made to target groups to determine their needs (social and other), then begin an approach which responds to those needs in the Name of Christ. While this may not result in rapid church growth, it may be a means to discover latent receptivity as well as to meet human needs.

Conclusion. Baptists should think in terms not of one approach but of several, not of one new field but several potential fields, and of multiple objectives. Aggressive church multiplication should be the goal in areas where this is possible and needed. It is not always possible. In the struggle for human dignity there are vast areas of social need. Baptists might also consider formation of an inter-Baptist relief and development agency for responding to human needs but also sensitive to the demands of the Church's evangelistic mission.

Conversions to Islam, to Buddhism, to Hinduism document the urgency of the hour. The restlessness of the masses demands compassionate action from the followers of the One who came to set the oppressed free.

For Baptists to act in unity, we must know each other. One small proposal: that we begin compiling and editing a Baptist Directory/Handbook/Dictionary of India. Second, let us identify priority situations and use our various resources of personnel, funds and information for our Father's business.



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APPENDIX A: List of Baptist Bodies in India

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Congrs.</u>	<u>Ethno-Ling Composition</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Origin</u>
1. Associ. of Oriya Baptist Chs.	61	Madiga	Orissa	8,442	CBOMB
2. Assoc. of Regular Independent Baptist Churches of India	58	. . .	Assam	4,000	BMID.
3. Bapt. Believers Assembly	5	Koya	Andhra	500	. . .
4. Bapt. Christian Assoc.	132	Mahar	Maharashtra	2,500	CBFMS
5. Bapt. Church of Mizoram	200	Mizo	Mizoram	50,411	BMS
6. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar Baptist Convention	112	Bengali-Hindi Santal Oriya	. . .	8,000	ABFMS
7. Bible Believing Churches in India	3	. . .	Hubli-Salem	1,000	Bapt. Schiesm
8. Convention of Bapt. Chs. in Northern Circars	180	Mala	Andhra	80,000	CBOMB
9. Samavesam (Conv.) of Telugu Bapt. Churches	1,785	Madiga	Andhra	500,000	ABFMS
10. Council of Bapt. Chs. in North East India	3,075	Naga Garo	N. East	1,064,990	ABFMS
11. Fellowship of Free Bapt. Ch. in North India	40	Hindi Bengali	Deoria, U.P.	2,430	Orebros
12. Free Will Bapt. Conference of India	13	. . .	Tamilnadu Bihar	2,000	NAFWB
13. Goalpara Boro Bapt. Ch. Union	37	Boro	Assam	5,500	ABMS
14. North Bank Bapt. Assoc.	253	. . .	Assam	25,500	BGC
15. North Goalpara Garo Bapt. Union	33	Garo	Assam	2,200	ABMS
16. Rabha Bapt. Church Union	8	Rabha	Goalpara	500	. . .
17. Saora Assoc. of Bapt. Chs.	200	Saora Madiga	. . .	18,000	CBOMB
18. Separate Bapt. in Christ	3	. . .	Ahmed-nagar	4,000	India Mission
19. Seventh Day Bapt. Church	-	Telugu	A.P.	25,000	SDBC
20. (S.Bapt. Mission) Indian Baptist Mission	8	Telugu	B'lore	1,000	SBC
21. Tamil Bapt. Chs.	70	Tamil	T.N.	3,000	Strict Bapt. Mission
22. Tripura Bapt. Christian Union	166	Tripura	12,000	NZBMS
23. Telugu Bapt. Churches	20	Telugu	Andhra	2,000	Schism
Am. Bapt. Assoc. Bapt. Bible Fellowship Int'l. Bapt. Christian Chs. (ICCC). N.T. Bapt. Christian Assoc. (ICCC). Lott Carey Bapt. Foreign Mission Conv. NBCUSA					Working in India, Churches not reported
24. Karnataka Bapt. Sabhegala Samikya	31		Karnataka	2,193	SBC
25. India Suvartha Smithi (Kerala)	65		Kerala	2,500	C.T. Abraham
26. Bapt. Convention of S. India (Kunjaman Chacko)	55	Kerala	. . .	Ex-Breth

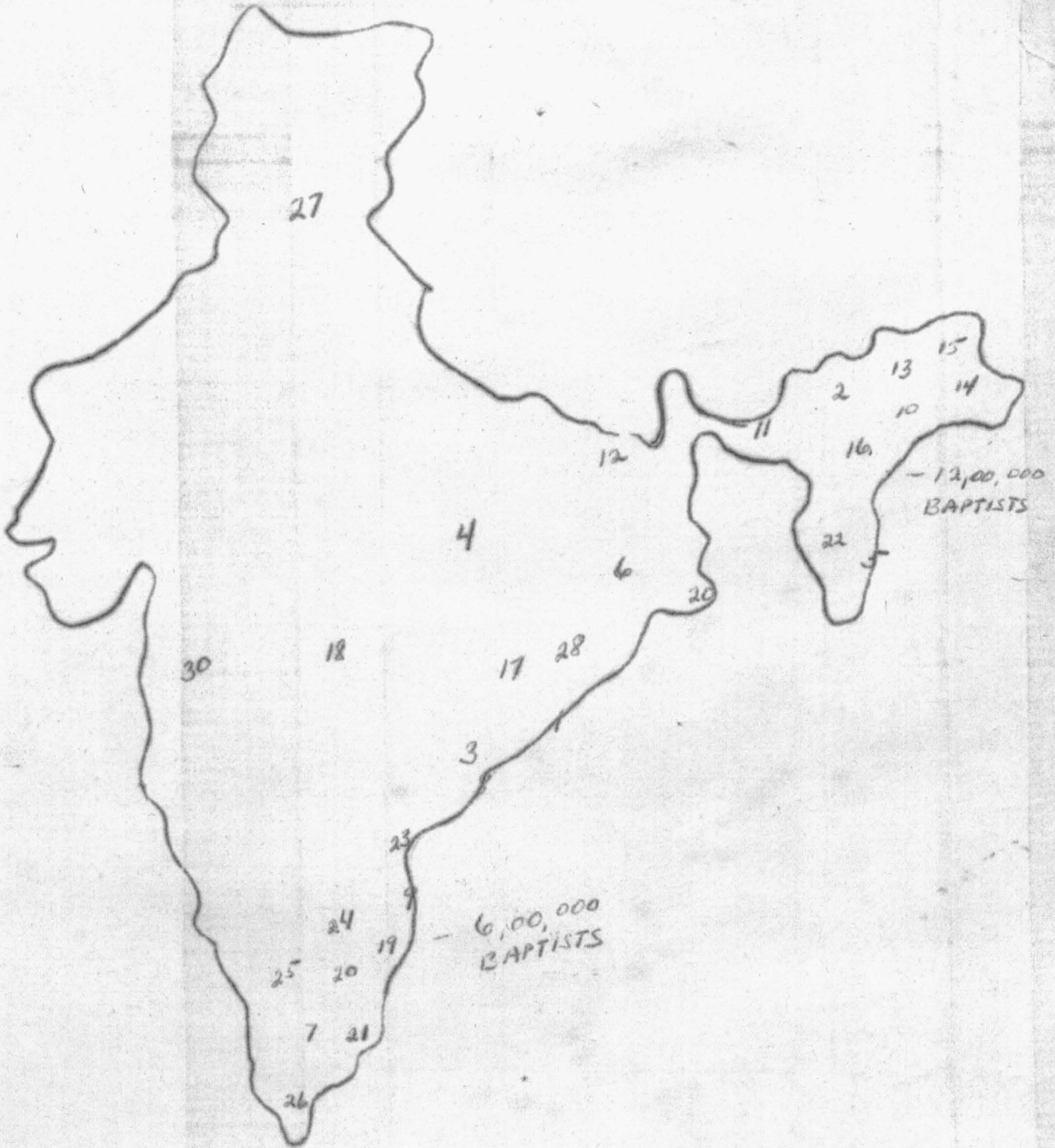


APPENDIX A. Contd.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Congs.</u>	<u>Ethno-Ling Composition</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Origin</u>
27. N.E. India Baptis Assoc. Chandigarh	26	. . .	Chandigarh	3,000	. . .
28. Orissa Bapt. Evangelical Crusade (Utkal Bapt. Central Council of Chs.)	96	. . .	Orissa	. . .	Ex-BMS/CNI
29. Bengal Bapt. Union	90	. . .	W.Bengal	5,776	BMS
30. Universal Concern of India	7	. . .	Bombay	500	. . .
(average of 268 members per congregation)		6,832 Congs.		1,836,949 Bapts.	



APPENDIX B: Map Showing Baptist in India



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| 1. Assoc. of Oriya Bapt. Chs. | 17. Saora Assoc. of Bapt. Chs. |
| 2. Assoc. of Regular Indep. Bapt. | 18. Separate Bapt. in Christ |
| 3. Bapt. Believers Assembly | 19. Seventh Day Bapt. Church |
| 4. Bapt. Christian Assoc. | 20. (S. Bapt. Mission) Indian Baptist Mission |
| 5. Bapt. Ch of Mizoram | 21. Tamil Bapt. Chs. |
| 6. Bengal-Crissa, Bihar Bapt. Conv. | 22. Tripura Bapt. Christian Union |
| 7. Bible Believing Chs. in India | 23. Telugu Baptist Churches |
| 8. Conv. of Bapt. Chs. in Northern Circars. | 24. Karnataka Bapt. Sabhegala Samikya |
| 9. Samavesam (Conv.) of Telugu Bapt. | 25. India Surartha Smithi |
| 10. Council of Bapt. Chs. in North East India | 26. Bapt. Conv. of So. India |
| 11. Fellowship of Free Bapt. | W.E. India Bapt. Assoc. |
| 12. Free Will Baptist Conf. of India | Crissa Bapt. Evangelical Crusade |
| 13. Goalpara Boro Bapt. Ch. Union | Bengal Bapt. Union |
| 14. North Bank Bapt. Assoc. | Universal Concern of India |
| 15. North Goalpara Garo Bapt. Union | |
| 16. Rabha Bapt. Church Union | |





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Dear Brother, there is only one train that takes you directly to Nandurbar, i.e. Navajeevan Express. It runs only twice in a week. Since there is no train, I have made reservation in Navajeevan, but you have to leave Hyderabad on 21st March and you will be reaching ~~the~~ Nandurbar on 22nd evening. And also there is no first class in Navajeevan Express nor in Minal Express. So we have reserved your seat in IInd class. Hope this will be o.k with you.

When you arrive on 17th Morning at Hyderabad Railway Station please look for a person, who will be holding a plate 'Baptist Church Hyd.' and you will guide to reach Church premises. Thanking you,
G. SAMUEL



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Dr. C. Devasahayam - North India

Dr. J. Thumra - North East India

DAILY SCHEDULE

March 17, 1983

5:00 p.m. Arrival at Hyderabad Baptist Church, Hyderabad

6:00 p.m. Inaugural meeting - Rev. G. Samuel

March 18, 1983

7:00 - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast

7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Bible Study and Morning devotion Dr. A.B. Masilamani

9:00 - 12:00 a.m. SESSION I

Chairperson - Rev. V.K. Yangad

Reports and question

CBCNEI - Rev. K.I. Aier / Parent - representative

BCM - Dr. C.L. Hminga / Parent - represent.

GBU - Rev. H. Sangma / Parent - representative

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Tea Break

NBCC - Rev. P. Dozo

NBBGA - Rev. D. Bhuyan / Rev. C.L. Rema

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. LUNCH AND REST



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2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Session II
 Chairperson - Rev. Archie Shear
 Reports and questions
 TBCU - Rev. Hneliana / Parent - repres.
 BBU - Mr. A.K.Saha / Parent - repres.
 OBEC / UBCCC - Mr. J.Daniel and Mr. S.Ch.Bag

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Tea Break
 BUNI - Mr. G.W-Massey / Parent Repres.
 CSS - Rev. A.D.Bepari / Parent repres.
 FWBCI - Mr. P.March / Parent Reprs.

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. PRAYER SESSION FOR BUI - Leader Rev. Vicor Joseph

6:30 p.m. Dinner & rest

March 19, 1983

7:00 - 7:45 a.m. Breakfast

7:45 - 8:45 a.m. Bible study and morning devotion - Rev. C.L.Rema

9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Session III
 Chairperson Rev. D.Bhuyan
 Reports and questions
 STBC - Rev. B.Victor Emmanuel / John Edberg
 Doris Conney
 CBCNG - Mr. D.Kruparo / Parent repres.
 KBSS - Rev. D.K.Paulraj / Dr. Lee / William

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Tea Break
 UCI - Rev. B.Samuel / Parent repres.
 LCBM - Superintendent
 Other Baptist groups

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. LUNCH AND REST

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Session IV
 Chairperson - Rev. R.Danamaya
 Presentation of BUI programme
 Discussion

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. PRAYER SESSION - Dr. Lee

We are expecting report from different Baptist groups in India and parent represen. If you cannot send your report earlier, make no for leaders. Prepare to share your view with friends.



We may add another evening tentative programme.

UNIVERSAL CONCERN IN INDIA BOMBAY

Report on Universal Concern In India presented at the Leaders consultation of Baptist Union of India, Hyderabad held from 17-19th March '83

The Universal Concern In India was established in the year 1974 with its office in Bombay, with the objectives of planting indigeous and self supporting churches on the Baptist doctrine.

The area of ministry is in the Western region of India covering Bombay and xMarathwada in Maharashtra, Ahmedabad in Gujarat and Jaisalmar, Sirchi, and Kankroli in Rajasthan, with 22 persons working in 15 worship centres and a Balwadi school and one library.

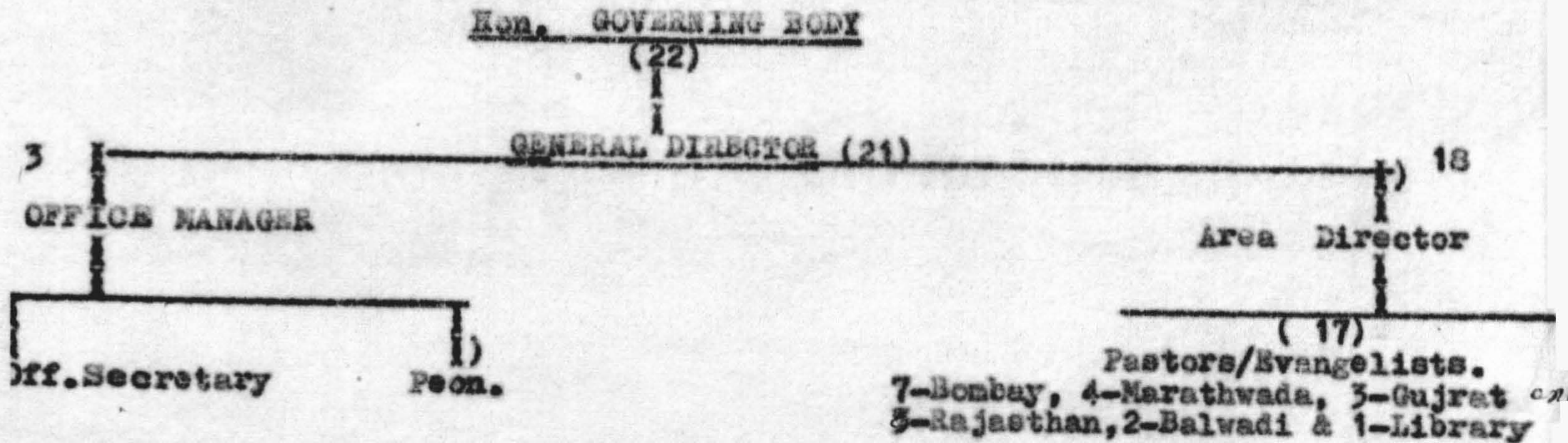
Inspite of difficulties faced, particularly that of housing accommodation and communication (travelling) in Bombay the out reach is encouraging and particularly that of Telugu.

During the year under report the ~~22~~ pastors and evangelists had the joy of bringing 320 souls in the experience of of Salvation and Baptising 78.

The expenditures incurred for theyear was Rs. 2,15,092.00

<u>Details:</u>	for Field staff	Rs. 1,05,620.00	
	For Office Staff	Rs. 35,448.00	
	For office rent <i>with</i>	Rs. 42,424.00	
	Administrative Expenses	Rs. 31,600.00	(Other projects such as film ministry, Library etc.)

The return through offerings was Rs. 35,517.19. about 16.50 percent of the total expenditure. The structure of staffing in UCI is as under:-

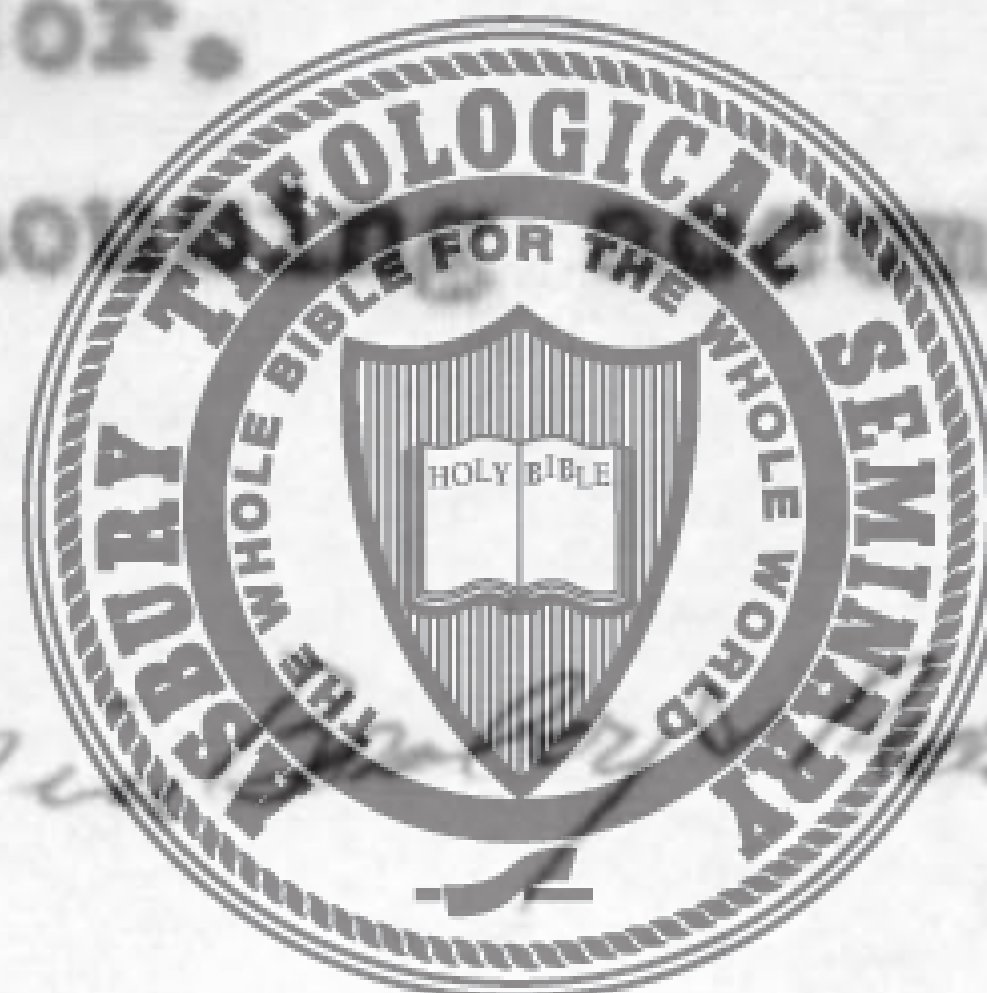


This plans are in proceeding for a church building for Telugu Baptist in Kurla, Bombay. This will also help in accommodating the UCI office, with accommodation for the pastor.

There is a great need of housing accommodation and of worship places.

17.3.1983

Presenting to form a Bpt. Fellowship



Prepared and presented
by: *Sumitra S. Gaikwad*
Hony. Treasurer, UCI. Bombay.

Report of the Executive Secretary in the Executive Committee of
the Baptist Union of India at Hyderabad on 17. 3. 83

by R. Terhuja

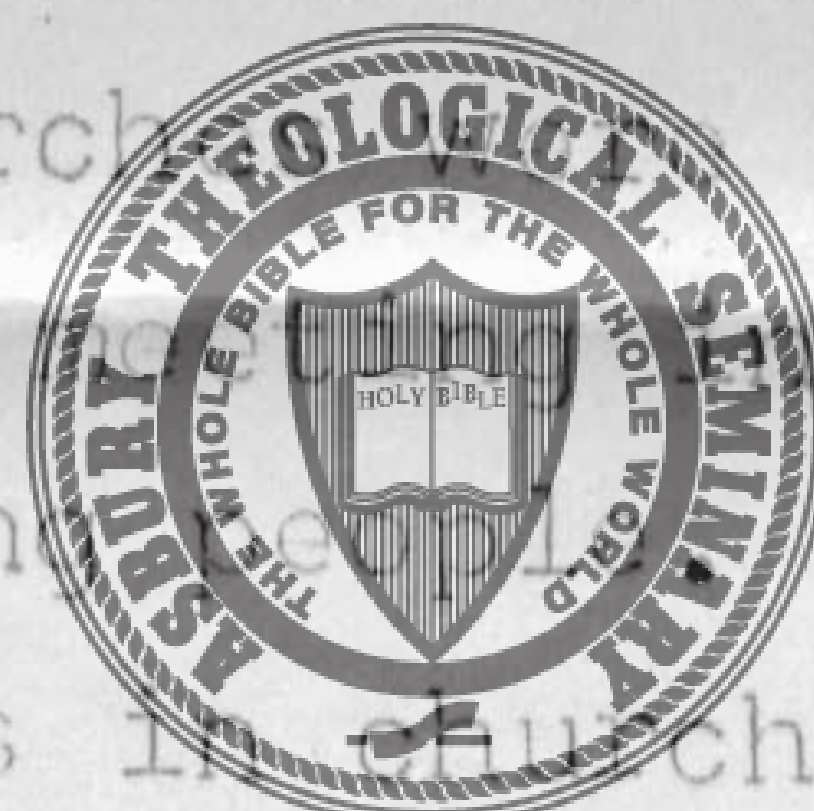
The year 1982 was a year of struggle for my work and for my own family. It was also a year of victory because I felt personally the presence of God at work through these experiences.

The BUI attempted to hold several meetings for the regions and the areas of Baptist work. Of the North, South, West and Northeast regional meetings for which we attempted to hold meetings, only the NE India region was able to meet successfully. I was able to do only spade work for organising these regions and areas through correspondence and actual visitation with leaders. I observed that individuals in local churches are keen to know about BUI work and several churches have effective working programmes. But there is a lack of coordination and communication with BUI programmes and aspirations at these levels. It is not uncommon to see several churches as battle grounds for "the sake of Jesus Christ." Under such conditions the churches are exposed for the first time to the idea of meeting together as Baptist brethren. Apart from financial difficulties, attitude toward the possibility of just meeting together as believers is a far cry for some churches. Resistance and insensibility toward Christian fellowship are destroying churches which were built over the years. Some churches are very active but many of these establishments have 'kingdoms' where BUI is still a stranger. I will refer to some of my travel experiences later in this light.

I experienced hardship at home. My own sister, ~~father~~ & mother in law were bed-ridden suddenly with illnesses and were both considered incurable. But God miraculously healed them during the same year. This adversely affected my travel outside but I was able to attend more of the meetings in NE India.

Travels : (read along with my travelogue of 82)

South India: My wife and I travelled with a Gospel Singing group of six young Angami Nagas, sponsored by the Angami Baptist Church Council, Nagaland. We visited areas of BOBC, STBC, KBSS for 21 days. As soon as the team packed up to travel, letters and telegrams from some sources arrived home requesting us not to visit them. There was a sudden declaration of The Assam bandh blocking travel routes on the day. However, we started out and gained many new experiences. The team members decided to travel even just to pray and visit homes even if churches were to be closed to them. Finally, there were opportunities of visiting some churches where the young boys sang and met young people. I met church leaders and Mrs K. Terhuja met the ladies in churches. It was a first contact with fellows baptists for both parties under such arrangement.



We visited churches at Guwahati Baptist Church, Assam; Lower Circular Baptist Chapel, Calcutta; Kharagpur Union Church with Rev. A. Shear; some villages in Guntur with Rev. R. Danamaya. We attended city churches in Ongole, Nellore, Kurnool, Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Madras. We faced tensions over STBC church division issues at Nellore and Madras where we were given opportunities for Christian witness. The team observed that churches have inherited 'wealth' in terms of vast church properties which are not normally found in NE India Baptist areas. For the first time, some of them became aware of the presence of fellow Baptists in other states, caste problems, and also heard of court cases involving churches. The travel ended with a Bangal bandh at Calcutta but we reached home safely after some delay. It was a learning experience in many ways.

North India : I visited churches in Northern India for 10 days. Wherever I went, I called church leaders for consultation and presented BUI programmes. In Delhi area, there is no full-time worker yet. I visited Palwal Baptist School of Hariyana and met the Principal who showed me the school and the hospital area. He is also the Secretary of the CBCNI.

West India: I visited CBCNE, STBC and UCI areas for 16 days. This was my second travel down South in the year. Mr. D. Kruparao took me to visit churches in Visakhapatnam. I met several high caste Hindu converts in this trip. I met Baptist church leaders at Kakinada for BUI support plans. I met the BUI President Rev. G. Samuel at Hyderabad to plan for BUI programmes.

I moved to Bombay and stayed there 4 days at the CNI Guest house. I met Rev. V. K. Yangad Vice-President of BUI and visited Baptist churches of Bombay. I felt that for such similar areas as Bombay, similar city areas as Bombay, a congregation offering worship in English also can be formed even to help students and believers in transit. I met Rev. B. Samuel, Acting Director of UCI in his office and at his home.

Northeast India: I attended the annual meetings of the North East India church Council at Kohima; the Nagaland Baptist Church Council at Jalukie (both in Nagaland). I attended the third NEIBF at Jorhat, Assam where a constitution was already accepted by 5 Baptist Mission groups out of 6 groups at work.

I attended several tribal Baptist associations and local churches. A youth choir travelled with me to Mao areas of Manipur. I participated also in such meetings as Nagaland Christian Youth Rally, Dimapur; BWA at Nairobi, NCCI consultation meeting at Whitefield, Bangalore, NBCC leaders consultation meeting at Addis Ababa.

I am grateful to BWA men's fellowship and Dr. O. Cooper for helping me to attend the BWA meeting at Nairobi and the NCCI which paid my travel to Whitefield.



Observation:

The essence of the gospel remains same for all time and all cultures, but methods of presentation and mangement of church must change. In areas like NE India, Baptist have more full time field secretaries but haveing lesseer paid pastors for local churches. But in areas of BBU, CBCNC, CBCNI, BUNI there is no full time secretaries to cover the areas of work.

We must have full time paid secretaries for better coordiantion of work. I personally tried with leaders to form regional fellowship but it requires more efforts. The need must be first felt by regional groups themselves. Evangelism vision or outside threats to undermine Christian activities have helped some churches ~~to seek~~ unity at this stage.

Several Churches want BUI in their programme but unfortunately they develop this attitude to gain financial helps. This attitude must change for churches in India today.

The church must grow from the heart and the faith of believers and therefore the need for church growth and support must come from the soil. With all our debts to the foreign mission bodies who help us to grow, we must face the trend toward using our own resources of culture, people and finance to grow. Therefore, we must be willing to cut across the individual "kingdoms" and share the wealth together, experiment together for the glory of our Lord and his churches in India.



STRUCTURE OF BUI - HYDERABAD

Consultation meeting

March 1983

R. Terhuja
BUI Exe. Secy.
12. 3. 83

When we met in the Quadriennial meeting at Cuttack in 1980, we appointed the following persons to call together the respective delegates to discuss about formation of regional Baptist Fellowship:

Rev. P. Dadanandam for the South India Baptist Fellowship
Rev. V.K. Yangad for the West India Baptist Fellowship
Mr. A.K. Saha for the North India Baptist Fellowship
Mrs. K. Terhuja for the North East India Baptist Fellowship

With the help of those leaders I kept on trying to contact the leaders to form regional fellowship. The NEIBF had been formed and now it is functioning smoothly. I hope the other regional fellowship will be formed soon.

The BUI is a fellowship of all Baptist Mission in India. The representatives are drawn through the foreign mission related constituent bodies in regional wise. Through BUI, the national leaders can develop the aspiration of working together and exercise the church programmes in the way they should grow. The Baptist church must learn to depend herself for church management and for outreach programmes. That will enhance our co-existence by helping one another.

Since 1979 to today (as far as I know) Dr. O. Cooper UCI is helping BUI without any string attached. So BUI is functioning according to its own programme. This is a chance for all the church leaders from the different Baptist missions to come together through BUI and help the church to grow. We must keep encouraging the Baptist churches to depend on her resources for church management and for outreach programme because the response has been poor.

A big country like India, with a population over 683 million has only 2½ % Christian. The task is so tremendous but the labourers are so few. How can we reach the people with the Gospel? We need to strengthen our own flock and go out to the bigger field of India. Plan and programme alone will not work, let us covet the Spirit of God to work with us.

Some suggestions for restructuring BUI:

a) Administration : Regional Secretary

True to Baptist traditional structure, the strength of the Baptist churches lies with the local churches. Control and coordination lose its hold at the level of the higher-ups. Moreover for a vast country like India having many different ethnic groups, and difficult communication system, it may be more effective or conducive to have 4 full time workers for the 4 regional groups. We may ask some donors to help us at the beginning but these secretaries may finally get financed by their groups. His duty will be:

- to assist the Executive Secretary of the BUI;
- to act as a link between Baptist missions in the region and the BUI
- to conduct consultation meetings for better understanding;
- to conduct leadership training for church leaders, pastors;
- to conduct evangelistic campaign in the different churches.

b) Outreach programme:

The BUI may also encourage the growth of societies which can be formed by like minded persons who will do evangelism through education, literature work, evangelistic campaign, health care etc. These societies may operate like para-church organisations but will work with the BUI churches. Their service must cut across different Baptist missions so that our churches can draw strength from these resources. As we have not opened this venue with a Baptist identity some talented person are already coming to us. This need not be interpreted as narrow denominationalism but we want to have our own pride for service for the sake of Christ also. Very few local churches can conduct outreach programme in Baptist churches. So let us allow the BUI and the Regional Fellowship to approach the national Baptist churches and other outside agencies for help in evangelism programme.



A brief report of the Baptist leaders consultation conference on Baptist works in India, at Hyderabad, during March 17 - 19, 1983 by Mr. R. Terhuja, Executive Secretary BUI

To Baptist groups of India (National & Parent bodies)

The Consultation:

This was perhaps the first of the kind on national level for the Baptist family to meet with Parent agencies to discuss mutual needs. The Hyderabad Baptist Church of Hyderabad hosted the Consultation Conference. Some thirty seven delegates from the national and parent agencies of Baptist Missions attended the Conference. Dr. R. Hedlund came as a speaker and observer. Except the Execom members of the BUI, all the sending bodies paid the travel expenses of their delegates but food and lodging were all paid by Rev. Jerry Rankin of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Purpose of the Consultation:

The purpose of the consultation is to bring all the various Baptist groups (national and parent bodies) together so as to formulate certain general understanding to coordinate the mission efforts. It was also to encourage each Baptist groups to emphasize Christian life style in all walks of life among its members and to create a new awareness for evangelism to reach beyond own circles.

Reports from Missions:

Both verbal and written reports were received from the following missions or organisations. Most of the reports were already given to the delegates.

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| 1. Baptist Union of India and Structure of BUI | - | Mr. R. Terhuja |
| 2. North East India Baptist Fellowship : | | |
| (covering 5 Baptist groups - NBBCA, CBCNEI, GBU, BCM, TBCU) | - | Mr. R. Terhuja |
| 3. Utkal Baptist Church Central Council | | Mr. Sarat Ch. Nag |
| 4. Orissa Baptist Evangelistic Crusade | | Rev. S. Patra |
| 5. Samavesam of Telegu Baptist Churches | | Rev. R. Danamaya |
| 6. Convention of Baptist Church in Northern Circars | | Mr. D. Kruparao |
| 7. Karnataka Baptist Sabhegala Samaikya | | Rev. M. B. Diwakar |
| 8. Universal Concern in India | | Pastor Sumitra S. Gaikwad |
| 9. Board of International Ministries - ABC | | Rev. William Scott |
| 10. Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board | | Miss Jessie Rosser |
| 11. FMB of the Southern Baptist Convention/ UCF | | Rev. Jerry Rankin |
| 12. Speaker/Observer from CBFMS & CGRC | | Dr. R. Hedlund |

The recording of the meetings were done by Miss Jessie Rosser, Miss Midred Law, Rev. R. Danamaya and the attending bodies will duly get the copies. For two and half days there were free and fruitful exchanges of ideas and trends of work. Dr. A. B. Masilamani (New Life Associates) and Rev. Jerry Rankin (SBC) led the Bible studies and gave messages. Dr. R. Hedlund presented a written paper on "Research information for reaching responsive peoples and areas : a Baptist report" and a message on "How can the church grow in India ?"



A Consensus :

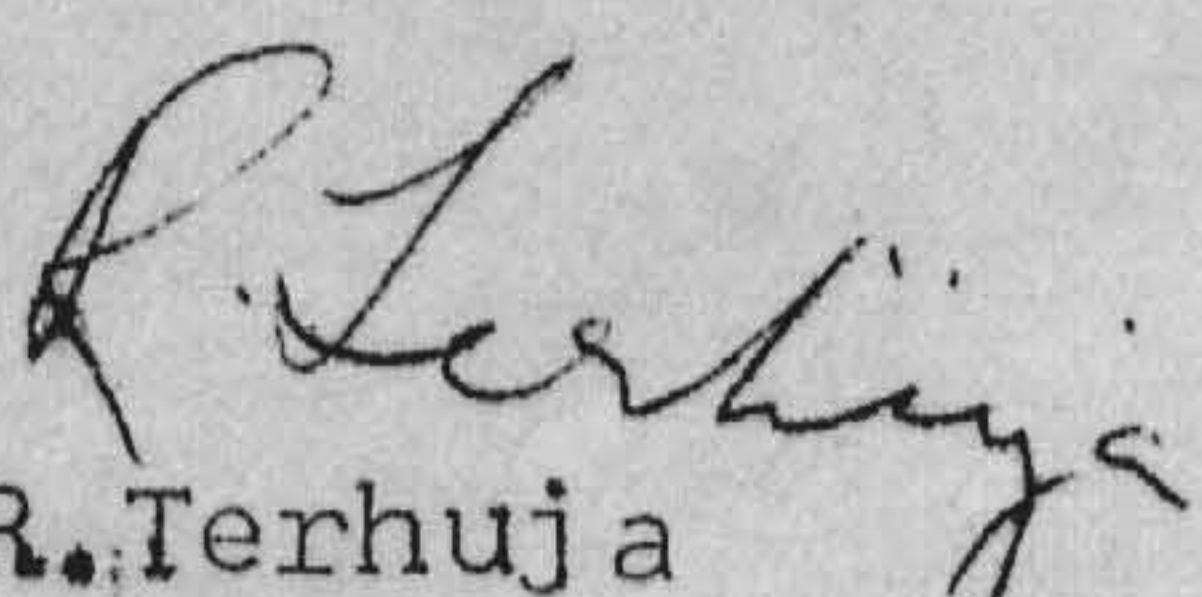
Having received the reports and sharing personally the problems and the prospects of Baptist works in India, a consensus about the future work can be indicated as follows:

There emerged definitely a better understanding among the mission bodies. All participants expressed the need to stabilise the organisation of the BUI for joint efforts of evangelism. The National bodies can increasingly work together under the umbrella of BUI to tread new areas of work and reach new people with the gospel. The parent bodies can also coordinate with greater team work and trust as co-labourers toward the same evangelism front. The inward growth as individual Baptist Missions or organisations alone may not meet the demanding evangelism challenges of the day. But the outreach growth toward an evangelism front with fellow Baptists can bring spiritual health and wealth to the body of Christ-the Church. The BUI Execom presented five recommendations to the Consultation Conference for consideration. These were discussed and approved in principle. The recommendations will be referred to the various Baptist groups for actual implementation and they are:

1. The Baptist churches are engaged in various outreach programmes and for better and wider coordination and effectiveness, the churches must be kept informed about the activities. To achieve this goal, a Baptist Outreach Fellowship as an evangelical wing of BUI will be formed. The BOF will be opened to national groups, mission agencies or para-church organisations for joint efforts and who will be doing outreach projects related to the Baptist faith.
2. An appeal will be given to all Baptist groups both national and parent bodies to support the BUI which need Rs 35,000 yearly and four regional promotional Secretaries which need Rs 25,000 each for a year.
3. We are requesting all the Baptist groups to uphold Baptist Quadriennial Assembly which will be held in 1984 at Dimapur, Nagaland. We need about Rs 10,000 for local arrangement and Rs 50,000 for travel and food scholarship.
4. The Baptist churches can have better understanding through regular publication of a BUI Bulletin for which the BUI needs support from the Baptist groups. The BUI publications need Rs 7000/- quaterly.
5. Training programmes to train church leaders, pastors and lay people become very important in the churches. Therefore the BUI requests the parent bodies to help in financing various training programmes in different part of Baptist fields.

Conclusion:

Having known the needs, I trust all Baptist groups in India and the parent bodies will earnestly try to put these into action. Let us continue to pray for the present Baptist fields and regions to be won for Jesus Christ.


R. Terhuja
Executive Secretary
Baptist Union of India



Dated Dimapur
April 8, 1983

The First

BAPTIST LEADERS CONSULTATION FROM ALL BAPTIST GROUPS IN INDIA
AND PARENT BODIES, MAY 17 - 19, 1983, HYDERABAD, INDIA

Representatives come from the following Baptist groups:

I National leaders from :

1. North East India Baptist Fellowship (NBBGA, CBCNEI, GBU,
TCBU, BCM) NEIBF
2. Utkal Baptist Church Central Council (UBCCG)
3. Orissa Baptist Evangelistic Crusade (OBEC)
4. Karnataka Baptist Sabhagela Samaikya (KBSS)
5. Universal Concern in India (UCI)
6. Council of Baptist Churches in Northern Circar (CBCNC)
7. Samavasam of Telegu Baptist Churches (STBC)
8. Conservative Baptist / Church Growth Research Centre

Absent in the meeting but sent letters / reports from:

1. Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI)
2. Lott Carey Baptist Mission of India (LCBMI)
3. Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC)
4. Zoram Baptist Mission (ZBM)
5. Priority one India (POI)
6. Goalpara Baptist Union (GBU)
7. Garo Baptist Convention (GBC)

II Parent bodies representatives:

1. Board of International Ministries (ABC), USA (BIM)
2. Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board, Canada (CBOMB)
3. Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention USA
4. Conservative Baptist USA / Church Growth Research Centre
5. Universal Concern Fellowship (through) IBM USA (UCF)

Absent in the meeting but sent greetings and appreciation letter

to Consultation meeting:

1. Herbert H. Skoglund, Secretary of World Mission, Baptist General
Conference, USA
2. S.L. Edgar, General Secretary, The Baptist Union of New Zealand
and Missionary Society, New Zealand
3. Swen Ohm, Executive Secretary, Foreign Missions, The Baptist
Union of Sweden, Stockholm
4. C.G. Olsen, Home Secretary, The Australian Baptist Missionary
Society Inc. Aus

Hyderabad
March 19, 1983



Assisted by R. Terhuja
Executive Secretary

BAPTIST LEADERS CONSULTATION FROM ALL BAPTIST GROUPS IN INDIA
AND PARENT BODIES

March 17 - 19, 1983 at Hyderabad Baptist Church, Hyderabad

- reported by Jessie Rosser (Miss)
C.B.C.N.C.

Thursday, 17 . 3. 83 - 6:00 p.m. Inaugural Meeting

Chairman - Rev. G.Samuel, President BUI

Rev. G.Samuel welcomed the delegates, then led in a session of silent prayer, following which was the roll call of Baptist bodies in India, and introduction of special guests and local church elders. Greetings were brought by the Rev. William Scott of the STBC and the BIM of the American Baptist Convention and Rev. V.K.Yangad, Vice President of the BUI and representative of the UCI.

Mr. R.Terhuja, Executive Secretary of the BUI gave an introduction to the consultations. The purposes are as follows:

1. To help national Baptist leaders to understand more fully Baptist work in India and to collect information about it;
2. To formulate a general policy for working together in future;
3. To prepare a programme for evangelism to be carried out under the BUI

Greetings were brought by Dr. Jerry Rankin from the Southern Baptist Foreign Board. He told of the desire of Baptist agencies in North America to help the BUI to explore means to reach India for Christ.

Dr. A.B.Masilamani preached a sermon on "The Baptist Inheritance and Our Responsibility to it" using the book of Nehemiah to present three challenges: 1) to reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem: The BUI should have a new awareness of its identity, developing a working constitution with freedom, dynamism, and unity of spirit. 2) to religious revival through reading the word, and repentance. We Baptists in India must let the spirit move in our heart to revive us. 3) to renewal of the Covenant; We need to review our Baptist history and God's guidance in it, and to renew our Covenant relationship with God. With unity, we can contribute to the growth of the universal Church.

Friday 18. 3. 83

Dr. A.B.Masilamani led in Bible Study on "Christian Leadership" from book of Acts. (printed outline)

Then reports were presented with Rev. V.K.Yangad as Chairman.

- I Orissa : Three reports were presented and prayer was requested for God's help in solving the problems of disunity and friction among the Baptist groups there. (For reports, in the printed reports)
- II BUI : Executive Secretary R.Terhuja, gave a report and printed statistical report (printed report)
- III North East India Baptist Fellowship: Reported by Mr. R.Terhuja for Aurnachal, Nagaland, Mizoram, Assam, Meghalaya Garo, Manipur, Tripura.



Friday afternoon, 18. 3. 1983 - Reports were continued:

iv CBCNC printed report

v Karnataka - KBSS - printed report

vi Universal Concern of India - printed report

vii STBC printed report

Representatives of the parent Mission bodies gave reports:

1. B.I.M. (of American Baptist Convention) Oral report presented by Rev. William Scott. He mentioned the outreach to Banjaris. - The Bajara Mission' supported by the B.I.M.

ii CBOMB a report on policy, approaches, priorities and present assistance being given to India.

iii I.B.M. Dr. Jerry Rankin reported on the involvement of their organisation in Karnataka, developed recently and the study undertaken on the spiritual nature of the church, leading to their concern in training and equipping leaders.

Following the above reports, Dr. Roger Hedlund of the Church

Growth Research Centre, Madras, gave a very interesting and informative address on their research finding on Baptist work in India, and conversions in various districts and states. He listed five areas for possible evangelistic thrust by Baptists.

Saturday, 19. 3. 1983 : Rev. G. SaueI chaired the meeting.

Dr. Jerry Rankin led in Bible Study, using I Cor. 9:27 as his text, especially the words 'lest I be rejected' i.e. 'lest I become useless in God's service'. Worldly desires, lack of spiritual discipline etc., could render us useless at any time. We must keep close to Jesus Christ and be continually aware of God's purpose for our lives, the life of our churches, and the life of the BUI.

The Chairman then reviewed the proceedings of the previous sessions and the history of the BUI. The following recommendations of the BUI Executive were placed before the delegates.

(No 1 - 5 recommendations)

Dr. Jerry Rankin explained the perspective of the Baptist Mission agencies of North America. He emphasised their desire to combine resources to aid the national bodies to reach India for Christ. This cooperation effort should not supplant the present commitments of the Mission Boards in the areas of the national bodies, that is, it should not be a threat to national bodies, nor should it create a new organization. It should be a forum for dialogue to share needs of various national bodies. It could be the umbrella organization, representing the various Baptist bodies, being a forum for sharing.



Rev. William Scott, Miss Jessie Rossen and Miss Mildred Law, representing the BIM and CBOMB commented on the recommendations, suggesting a greater financial share from India in the BUI publication, a strengthening of BUI Sunday, and a working out of the details for implementing the five recommendations.

Rev. R. Joseph of ACTC emphasized the need to stabilize the organization of BUI in order to undertake an outreach programme, the need for intensive training of leadership in national Baptist bodies, aiming at dedicated leadership, and the necessity for the BUI to relate to the national Baptist bodies.

Rev. Patro of Orissa, Rev. Benjamin of STBC and the President of the Hyderabad Baptist Church gave helpful comments. The Rev. Petro suggested the publication of the BUI journal be undertaken in Hyderabad with editor, manager etc to be in Hyderabad.

Afternoon, 19. 3. 1983

(I missed the first part)

The 5 recommendations were discussed. Rev. G. Samuel stressed that the BUI must create confidence by its honest accountability for funds received and expended. It was suggested that Re 1 per head be requested from our churches.

Mr. R. Terhuja mentioned that those with a burden for outreach should come to the Baptist Outreach Fellowship and choose their own leader. BUI should be merely an umbrella. The outreach undertaken should be outside of the present national Baptist bodies' areas.

Rev. R. Joseph moved that the 5 recommendations be accepted to be taken up by the BUI and that the BUI Executive should study the implications of each recommendation.

Rev. R. Hedlund gave a challenging address on "How can the Church grow in India?" Using illustrations from several states he showed how we can learn from present history, how to make plans for outreach, when to work, how to reach the people for Christ.

Dr. Shelby led the prayer session.

Concentration Service - arranged by Rev. W. Scott.

Rev. W. Scott gave a short inspiring talk and concluded in a very inspiring prayer fellowship.

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Nagaland, India
April 5, 83



Hyderabad
March 19, 1983

Recorders of the Consultation of ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Rev. R. Danamaya,
Miss Jessie Rossen

Report on the works of the Utkal Baptist Church Central Council (UBCCC), and Utkal Baptist Evangelistic Crusade (OBEC) of Orissa submitted to the Secretary, BUI during the Baptist Leaders consultation held at Hyderabad on 18.3.83 by Brother Sarat Chandra Nag. Secretary, UBCCC, Orissa.

Praise and glory be to the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus whose grace has enabled the church leaders of the different Baptist churches and church-unions of Orissa state of India, which have not joined the church of North India, to meet together in the Baptist Church, Cuttack on July 8-9, 1978 to reorganise the aforesaid churches and unions knitting them into a body called the Utkal Baptist Church Central Council (UBCCC).

At present, 82 Baptist Churches and only 3 District Baptist Church unions, namely Cuttack-Dhenkanal Baptist Church Union, Kond-Hill Baptist Church union and Balangir Baptist church union have been affiliated into the body of UBCCC. In most of these churches pastors are appointed by the concerned church, except in the Kond-Hills and Balangir Baptist church unions where the pastors are appointed by the concerned union. Because of various difficulties we have not yet reached to the stage of running the different church administration of these Baptist churches through a single common purse of UBCCC. Owing to lack of funds and proper co-ordination of the funds of these churches many of the pastors and evangelists fail to enjoy proper financial aids and this stands in the way of evangelism. Over and above this, we have not been able to raise funds for giving Biblical training to get future church workers and to award help especially to needy children for study. At present, no doubt, this is an important factor for our area where the Cuttack and the Sambalpur Diocese of the C.N.I. situated in Orissa are trying in various means to win the Baptist by their sides before the presence of our needy Baptist workers belonging to our churches. As I am personally concerned in the church affairs of Balangir



Baptist Union as the Area Superintendent and the honorary pastor of the Baptist church, Balangir for nearly the last 11 years being stationed at Balangir which is the heart of the Sambalpur Diocese of C.N.I, the aforesaid issue has been coming to us as a great challenge every now and then. In this texture, I would appeal to the Baptist believers in general and the Baptist church leaders of B.U.I. in particular to take this issue with sympathy and christian love and find out ways and means possible at their level to redress the needs of the zealous youngmen and women to be trained for Lord's service and the school and college going children of the poor folk of the Baptist Churches^{of} our area where many of our brothers and sisters are in low financial status being tribal aboriginal folk residing in hilly regions.

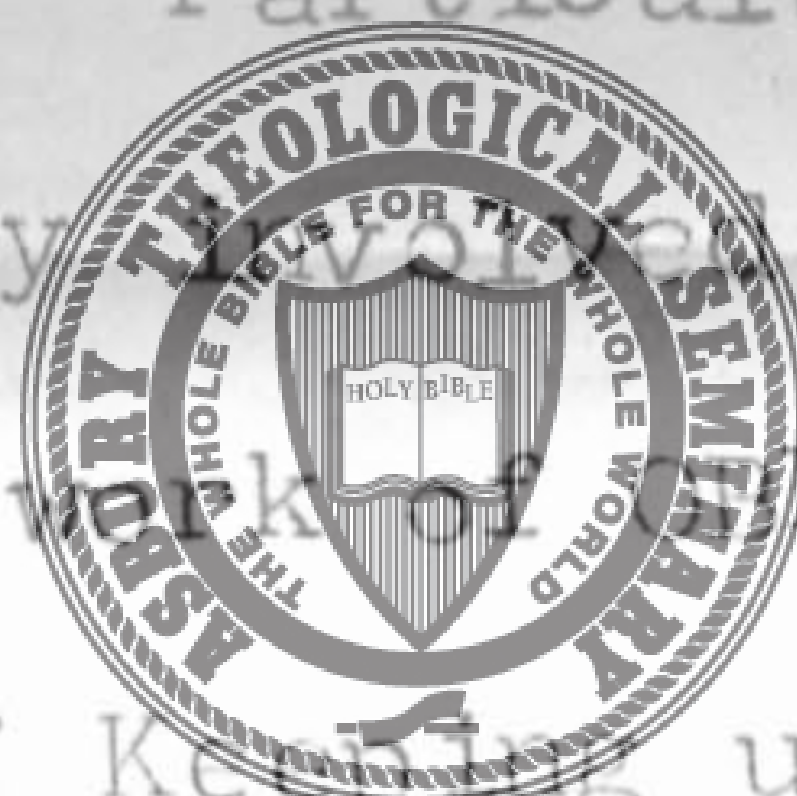
At last but not in the least, I am deeply grieved in my spirit to make mention that when UBCCC was expecting something move to be strengthened in the works of the Lord through keeping fellowship with the brotheren of Universal Concern Federation of the United States, whom I had the chance to meet in the capacity of the Secretary of UBCCC at Calcutta on their way back from the Asian Baptist conference held at Hyderabad our hopes have been dashed to nought because of Devil's plan in causing Internal Church problems, especially in the Baptist Church, Cuttack and ultimately this badly affected the work of UBCCC inspite of the love and help granted to us by U.C.F.

With a view to finding out some solution to our problems through proper consideration and judicious views I put forth below a few lines.

Many thanks to our respected and beloved brothers of U.C.F. which is marching ahead taking up concern for Lord's work through the unfainting leadership and winsom personalities of Dr. Owen Cooper and Dr. Blanchard because they were gracious enough in sanctioning a salaried post of a travelling secretary



for UBCCC as per our request to then during the days of the last quadrennial meeting of B.U.I, held at Cuttack. But I am deeply pained to say that this news of sanctioning the new post could not even be conveyed to the Executive Committee, UBCCC by our President, who was then, of his own accord making frequent correspondence with keen interest and zeal with U.C.F. on behalf of UBCCC and through whom the aforesaid sanction of the post was received from U.C.F. Then again, with a grant given by U.C.F. to UBCCC for arranging a pastors' Conference, our respected President personally organised the pastors' conference at Cuttack overlooking all the other office bearers as well as Executive members of UBCCC with a spirit of openly claiming that grant to be a personal money of his own given by U.C.F. Besides this, he, without the Knowledge and approval of the executive committee of UBCCC, has manipulated in getting one of his favourites appointed, by U.C.F. to the said post of the travelling secretary for UBCCC and the person thus appointed to the post is found not at all working even for a couple of days for UBCCC. Such works of the President have severally hammered UBCCC in its march. Now, under the leadership of the president and the said person one more organisation called OBEC (Orissa Baptist Evangelistic Crusade) has been formed with the sole aim of handling the help that comes from UCF for Evangelical works of Orissa, OBEC, in the name of Evangelical works is giving tamptation to the simple poor baptist believers of our churches of getting foreign help. The needy folks are attracted to such famptations and in many other places, mostly in Kondh-Hill union the believers side with OBEC, In many churches this has been causing divisions among the Baptist churches. Particularly in Balangir Baptist Union where I have been personally in Lord's work since long as I have said before, the OBEC has created two divisions in many churches. Instead of keeping unity and co-operation with



the Balangir Baptist Church Union leaders OBEC has intentionally and forcibly entered into its churches with the help of a few undesirable persons who have never given any lead to the Baptist believers of this area and many of whom are involved in anti-church actions.

Two persons who have been appointed as Evangelists for Balangir district by OBEC are not the persons associated with the concerned Union in reorganising or serving the Baptist people. They were previously workers in the Sambalpur Diocese disseminating anti-Baptist feeling among the believers of C.N.I. and have left the C.N.I. with a record of insincerity and unfaithfulness both in their social and spiritual fields. They have entered into our church not as champions of Baptist faith but with sheer selfish motive of getting filthy lucre. Thus appointment to such persons as Baptist Evangelists is not only detrimental to true evangelism, but also mere wastage of money of god's people as well as a ridicule to the works of Baptist Churches of the concerned area. How saddening it is a fact to think that the money which reaches to OBEC through a sacrificial spirit of love and concern from our esteemed friends of UCF is being harnessed in causing division among the believers of the Baptist Churches and in recruiting undesirable hands for sanctified work like evangelism, without keeping co-operation and unity with the concerned churches and unions.

Hence I would once more appeal to the learned members and office bearers of B.U.I. to advise the leaders of OBEC to refrain themselves from such of their activities and the UCF to be aware of such situation in Orissa and be in fellowship with UBCCC for all of their works as they desire and

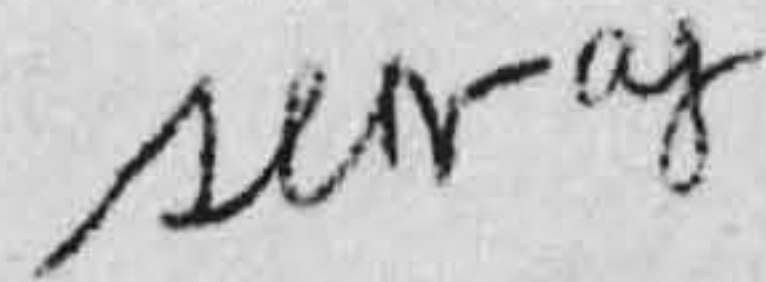


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plan for Orissa, because UBCCC happens to be the First Organisation, dedicated and prayed for, for promulgating christian amity and unity among the scattered Baptist Churches within the State of Orissa. UBCCC is not yet defunct as some view but only detained on its march due to the hurdles posed on its way by its own members, particularly Mr. S. Patra the President and his associates who have in the meanwhile left UBCCC in actions.

With my Christian greetings and regards to all the Church leaders and office bearers of B.U.I., I remain.

Yours through the blood
of our Saviour



(SARAT CHANDRA NAG)
SECRETARY, UBCCC,
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To: CBFMS Overseas Department / CBFMS Central India / BCA (Maharashtra)

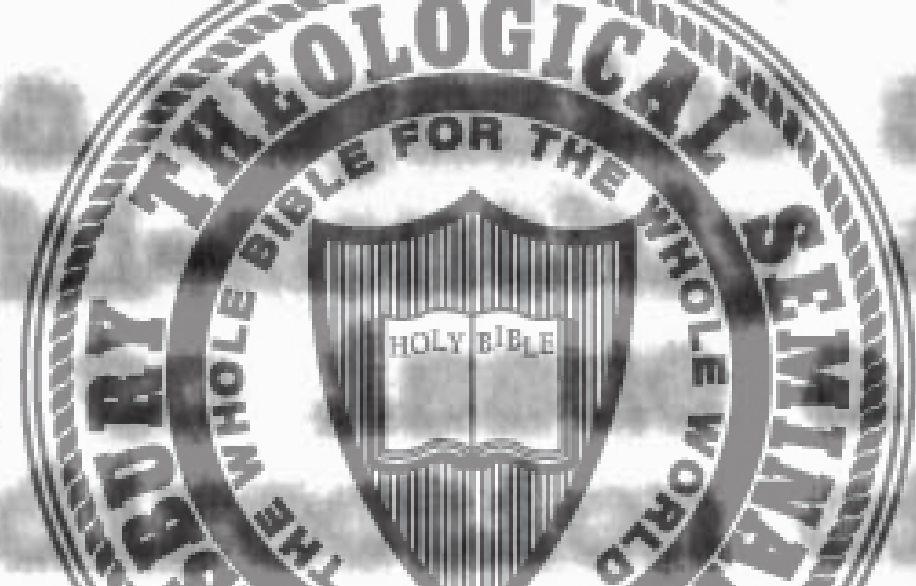
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assistance of CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE by 1984.

5) The need was stressed for training through seminars, conferences and refresher courses for pastors and members.

Various financial needs (and sources) to achieve these objectives were also discussed. The real meaning and purpose of this meeting was expressed by Jerry Rankin of FMB/SBC as a forum for information and co-operation to unleash resources for going into new areas without threat to others and without creating new structures. BUI is therefore convenient and usable not for organic union but as a fellowship/umbrella and forum of exchange.

It is my conviction that it is in the interests of CBFMS and especially BCA to participate in this forum. If not as members, we ought at least to go to the assembly as observers. I would recommend that BCA/CBFMS send observers/delegates to the 1984 BUI assembly. As non-members, I feel we should also provide statistics and other reports as part of the Baptist family in India.

The sincere efforts and commitment of the executive secretary Mr. R. Terhuja and of the president, Rev. G. Samuel, deserve our confidence and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Mr. R. Terhuja
Rev. G. Samuel
Mr. Jerry Rankin

Roger E. Hedlund.

Appendix: Organizations Represented

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Karnataka Baptist Sabhegala Samaikya (KBSS)

North East India Baptist Fellowship (representing Council of Baptists Churches in North East India, North Baptist Christian Association Goalpara Baptist Union, Tripura Baptist Christian Union and Baptist Church of Mizoram)

Samavesam of Telugu Baptist Churches (STBC)

Utkal Baptist Church Central Council and Orissa Baptist Evangelistic Crusade (UBCCC & OBCC)

Universal Concern in India (UCI)

As observer/participants: Church Growth Association of India (R. E. Hedlund)

: New Life Associates (Dr. A.B. Masilamani)



Related overseas bodies represented:**Board of International Ministries (American Baptist Churches)****Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board (CBOMB)****CBFMS (R.E. Hedlund - observer)****Foreign Mission Board (Southern Baptist Convention)****Universal Concern Foundation, U.S.A.****Letters received from:****Australian Baptist Missionary Society****New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society****Baptist Union of Sweden.***********

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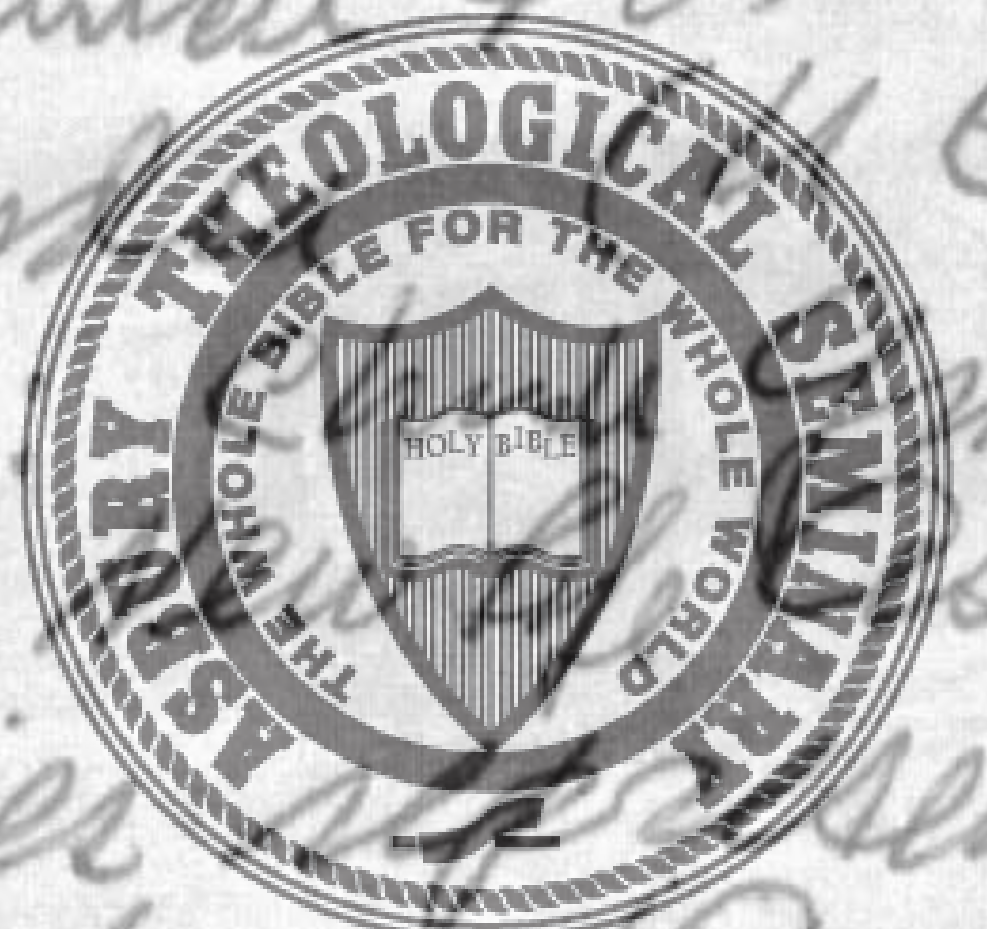
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c c: Mr. R. Teruya (Baptist Union of India, Church Bldg., P.O. Dimapur 797112, Nagaland)
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- Uttal Baptist Church Central Council & Orissa Bph. Evangelistic Crusade (UBEEC
 & OBE)
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- South Assoc. of India (R. E. Hedlund)
- Associates (Dr. A. B. Masilamani)



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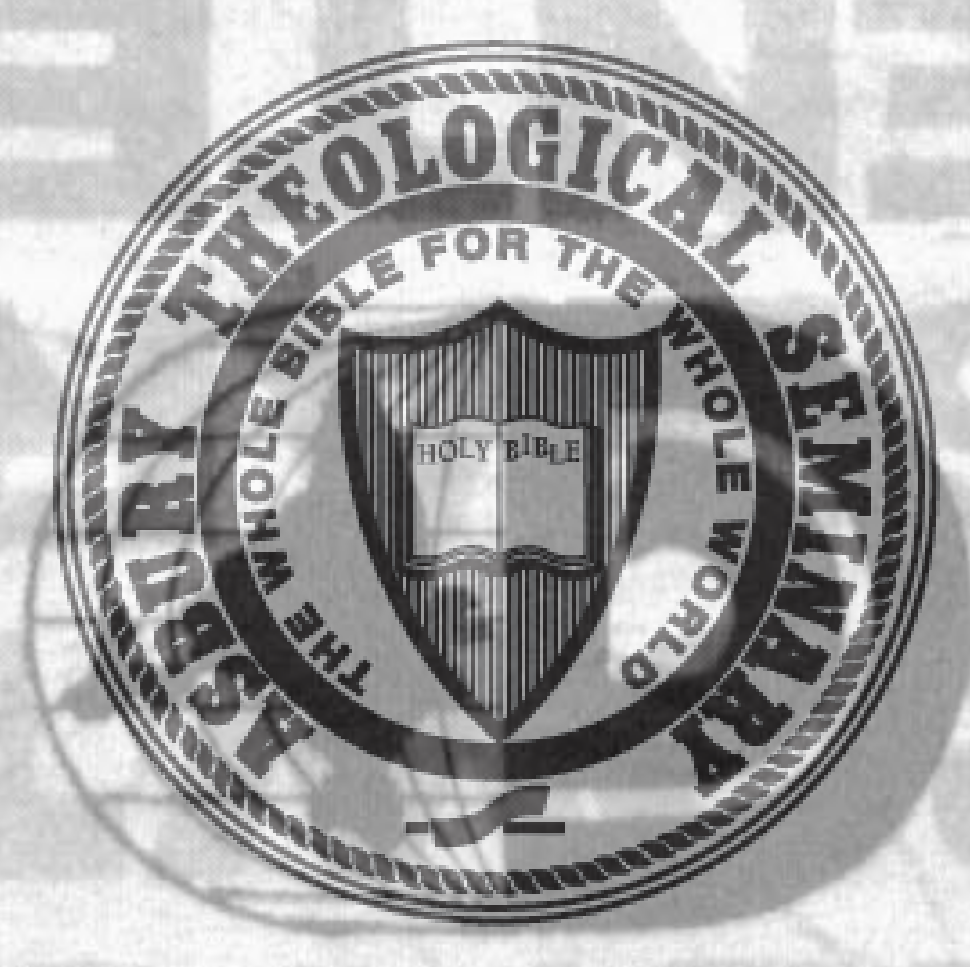
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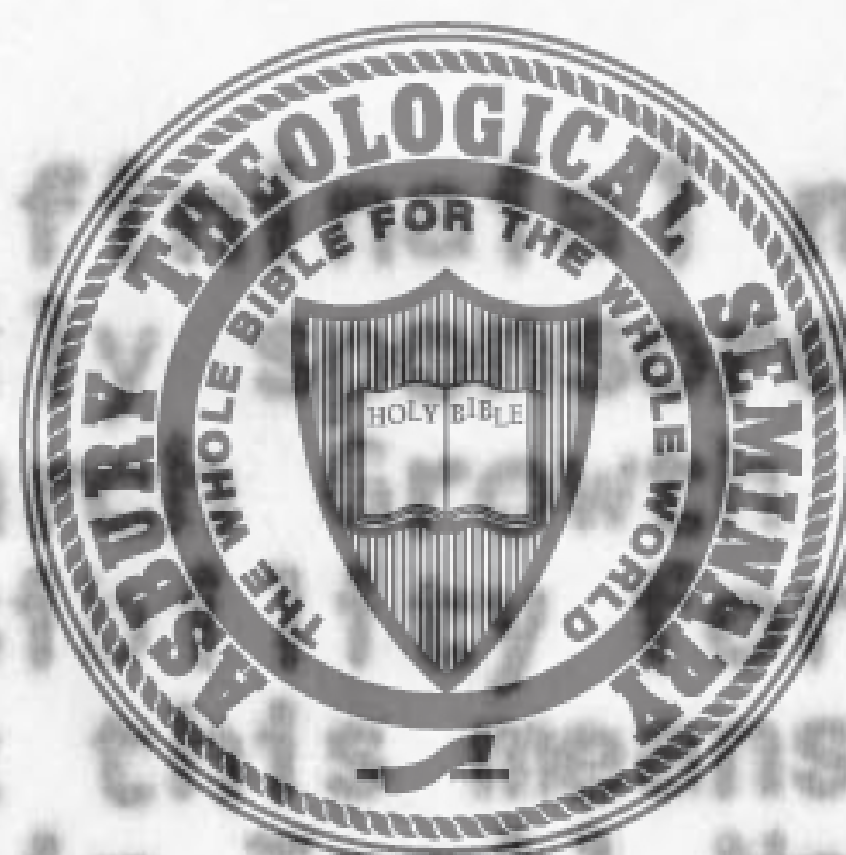
Dear Dr. Cooper:

Greetings from South India. For years I have known of the work of Universal Concern in India, and have had contact with various of your personnel from time to time. Perhaps I should introduce myself. From 1974 - 1978 I taught at the Union Biblical Seminary, Yavatmal, as Associate Professor of Missiology. Since 1978 I have been associated with the CHURCH GROWTH ASSOCIATION OF INDIA as its Co-ordinator and Acting Director of the CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE in Madras.

In case you are not acquainted with our work, let me briefly state that CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE is engaged in research and study related to the evangelisation task in India. We publish the INDIA CHURCH GROWTH QUARTERLY as well as other materials of interest to mission and evangelization. We conduct Church Growth Seminars, Workshops and Conferences related to missionary work in India today. More recently we have collaborated with the Southern Baptist Mission in doing research pertaining to perspective fields for Baptist Church planting in India. By the way, I should mention that I am a Baptist sponsored in India by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society of Wheaton. During March I attended the Baptist Union of India Consultation at Hyderabad. The paper which I presented there may be of interest to you and will give you some indication of the type of ministry that we seek to promote. I will ask our office to send a copy of this paper to you. Last year we published a small book entitled "BUILDING THE CHURCH", the final chapter of which contains a summary of the present status of the missionary task in each of the States and Union Territories of India. If you are interested we can send you a copy of this as well.

But I write to you in relation to two specific matters. The first concerns the possible availability of the Yavatmal property being vacated by the Union Biblical Seminary which is shifting to Pune this summer. I enclose a carbon copy of a letter to Dr. Narandra John of the Free Methodists in relation to this matter. If you have any further questions of interest concerning this matter, I will be happy to hear from you and explain what I can.

The second matter concerns the financial need of the CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE. Although I am personally supported by the Conservative Baptists who have secured me to the Church Growth Centre, C.B.F.M.S. has not assumed full financial responsibility for the C.G.R.C., which was conceived as a cooperative project. What this means is that we are an Indian Association, a registered body in Tamil Nadu, but we work in co-ordination and collaboration with other like-minded agencies. This means that our



finances come from a variety of sources. While the Conservative Baptists contribute a small part, a much larger share was subsidised by another agency namely, Overseas Crusades of Santa Clara, California. Due to the recession and perhaps other factors, Overseas Crusades has not been able to continue their subsidy for the past year. We have been able to carry on through research funds contributed by World Vision, The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and other gifts. What this means is that we lack adequate funds for full development and operation of our complete programme. It seems to me that the nature of our ministry, e.g. research pertaining to unevangelised people groups etc., is very much related to the interests of Universal Concern in India. For this reason I have taken the liberty of writing to you in this way. I would be pleased to discuss further details with you. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund.

cc: Mr. Jerry Rankin
Dr. A.L. Tuggy

bcc: Rev. N.J. Gnaniah.

Enclosure: Bpt. Consultation paper.

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P. O. Box 388
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May 6, 1983

Dr. Roger E. Hedlund, Co-Ordinator
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Dear Dr. Hedlund:

I have received and read with interest your letter of April 5, 1983. It came when I was on an extended trip; hence my delay in replying.

I have heard of you and your work. Jerry Rankin had discussed your work with me sometime ago and stated that he would be working with you in the future. I am glad to note that this has come to pass. Certainly, the work you are doing is a constructive prelude to expanding a program of witnessing in India as is contemplated by NIM.

I look forward to receiving a copy of the paper that you presented in Hyderabad. I would also like to receive a copy of your book, "Building the Church". Contrary to my general habit, I will read the last chapter first. Please dispatch one to me at your convenience.

In my discussion with Jerry Rankin, I do not feel that they are interested in getting involved with property in India. My observation of BBU, CBCNC and SBTC leads me to believe that property can create more problems than it can solve. This does not mean that I would not be interested in having information about the possible availability of Yavatmal property when the seminary is moved to Pune this summer. There are several questions that obviously arise.

1. The cost of the property.
2. The cost of maintaining the property.
3. The cost of maintaining a faculty on the campus.
4. Other costs incidental to operating a school.

My interest in the school would be largely determined by operating an institution that would train people to be church planters in villages and probably be bi-vocational pastors initially.

Any information you can give would be appreciated.

You also mention the matter of financial support for the Church Growth Research Center. May I give you a word about UCI. We are a small group that was organized for a single purpose. That purpose is being fulfilled and it is our plan to phase out within the next five years. We have already announced this plan. It is a difficult situation that makes raising funds more difficult when you announce that you are going to quit.

I will recommend to our group that we make a very modest contribution toward your work. We cannot take on any responsibility of a continuing nature under our circumstances. We would be pleased, however, if you would send



Dr. Roger E. Hedlund

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May 6, 1983

us more details about your budget and work. Your work certainly seems to be of such a nature that organizations sending funds to India would and should become involved in.

Thank you very much for your letter and most of all thank you for the helpful work that you are doing in India. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

Owen Cooper
Owen Cooper

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P. S. Your letter shows that a Baptist Consultation paper was enclosed, but it was not. I am sending you a copy of a book on the New Testament Doctrines of the Church, which is being translated into several Indian languages. You may be interested in reviewing this.

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Dear Dr. Hedlund:

I have received and read with interest your paper on "Research Information Regarding Responsive People in Areas: A Baptist Support". This is certainly an interesting document and an important prerequisite to expanding the Baptist witness in India. I am sure that as time passes other helpful information of this nature will be forthcoming.

I understand now why Jerry Rankin is quite interested in working with you as plans for further development lie ahead.

Interesting information to me was the fact that the state of Orissa had laws against evangelization. We have some work there that is doing real well, especially in the Kond Hills.

We will be continuing our contacts with you and I await receipt of your book.

We pray God's blessings on you and the good work that you are doing.

Sincerely,

Owen Cooper
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14 June, 1983.

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Dear Dr. Cooper,

Greetings in the Lord's Name.

With reference to your letter of 6th May, '83 addressed to Dr. Hedlund and in response to your request for more details about our budget and the work we are doing, I am forwarding to you some comparative figures of our expenditure for 1982 and the budgeted figures for 1983. The details of some of the heads of expenditure will be clear to you from a perusal of our annual report for the year 1982, a copy of which is enclosed.

I am also forwarding to you a copy of the book "Building the Church" and some issues of our INDIA CHURCH GROWTH QUARTERLY.

We are deeply grateful for your statement that you will recommend a contribution to our work and in addition we solicit your continued prayerful support to our work in India.

Yours in His service,

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B.J.A. Solomon,
Office Manager.

cc: Dr. R.E. Hedlund.

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1. INDIA CHURCH GROWTH QUARTERLY		
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2) Postage	4,310.00	5,000.00
2. RESEARCH & PUBLISHING		
1) Research	30,448.67	32,000.00
2) Publishing	21,434.02	20,000.00
3. TRAINING		
1) Independent Study Courses		1,000.00
2) "McGavran Institute"		5,000.00
3) Seminars & Conferences	10,888.90	12,000.00
4. GERBER TRANSLATION PROJECT (As requested/as received)		
5. LIBRARY AND BOOKS		
1) Library	1,149.45	1,000.00
2) Books for Distribution	4,628.50	4,000.00
6. CGAI GENERAL BODY & EXEC. COMMITTEE EXPENSES		
1) Travel	4,028.50	5,200.00
2) Audit & Legal	460.00	600.00
3) Misc. expenses	96.00	200.00
7. OFFICE		
1) Salary	14,840.00	30,000.00
2) Rent	7,800.00	10,000.00
3) Building Maintenance	1,529.00	3,000.00
4) Postage	4,560.00	4,000.00
5) Telephone	1,493.50	1,500.00
6) Equipment	5,078.91	2,000.00
7) Stationery & Supply	4,321.66	5,000.00
8) Local Travel	526.00	500.00
9) Hospitality	1,826.91	2,000.00

GRAND TOTAL

Rs.131,587.79

Rs.157,000.00



Dr. Owen Cooper
P.O. box 388
Yazoo City
Mississippi 39194

dictated on 9 June, 1983
typed on 13 June, '83

Dear Dr. Cooper:

Thank you for your letters of 6 May and 19 May, 1983. It is refreshing that you found the paper of considerable interest and help. Thank you for your encouraging words.

The materials which you requested are being sent from our Office by Mr. Solomon who are our competent Office Manager. I have asked him to send you a copy of the book BUILDING THE CHURCH. In addition to this he will send some recent issues of INDIA CHURCH GROWTH QUARTERLY.

In order to give you a better understanding of our overall efforts, Mr. Solomon will also be sending a copy of my 1982 Annual Report. Along with that he will enclose a summary of Financial Report for 1982. This, I trust, will give you a better picture of how we work and something of our need and use of funds. If you have further specific questions, we will be more than happy to try to reply.

Thank you for sending the copy of the book by Turner on the New Testament Doctrine of the Church.

I have a copy of this in my own library from some years ago, and I have handed this one on to Mr. Solomon to read. We sometimes review books in some of the periodicals in India, and I will be happy to do so with this one, especially as the book is being translated into several Indian languages. It would be helpful to me to know who are the distributors of the book in the vernacular and also if a distribution of the English edition is available in India. Usually the back page of INDIA CHURCH GROWTH QUARTERLY includes a review of a church growth/mission/evangelism book published in India. Our purpose there is to help the distribution of inexpensive available material to help the use of evangelization.



The Rev. Maurice Blanchard has written that he will be in India soon and I am hoping to meet him early in July at Madras. At the moment my wife and I are about 500 kilometres away at Kodai Kanal in the mile high hills in Tamil Nadu. Please pray for me as I am engaged in the revision of a manuscript on the Missionary Theology of the Bible, which I hope to publish later this year here in India.

Again, many thanks for your correspondence. God's richest blessings on you.

Yours in the great commission,

Roger E. Hedlund.

RH:pm



Rev. K. Imotemjen Aier,
CBCNEI Office,
Pan Bazaar, Gauhati,
Assam - 781 001.

dictated on 2 April, 1983
typed on 5 April, 1983

Dear Rev. Aier:

Greetings in Jesus' Name.

You are frequently in our thoughts during these days of unrest in Assam. I trust that all is well with you and your family and that the work of the Lord is going forward. Recently, I was pleased to meet Mr. Terhuja at the Hyderabad Consultations of the Baptist Union of India from March 17 to 19. It is in this connection that I write to you now.

One of the actions taken at this B.U.I. Consultation was a decision to produce a Baptist directory of India. Under the direction of Rev. G. Samuel, B.U.I. President, I have been asked to assist in this project. In addition to the directory of Baptist bodies and related information, we have felt we should include a number of essays on Baptist work in India. We felt there ought to be an essay on Baptist History in the North East, and I am writing to request you to be the Author. I know that you are extremely busy, but we will be extremely grateful if you are willing to assume this task.

The length of the article is left to the discretion of the writer but we do hope to include five or six essays along with the directory in a small book. There is however a time limitation. We need the work done fairly soon so as to have the entire manuscript ready for publication by the end of this year. My purpose of writing to you now is to inform you and secure your decision. I look forward to some word from you by return of post.

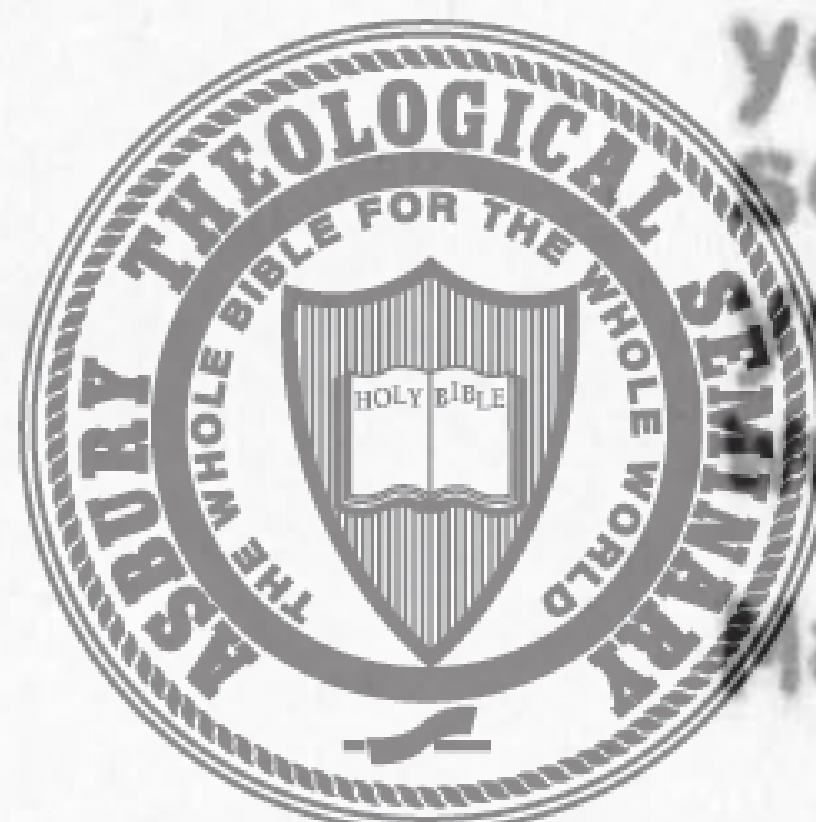
Cordially yours in Christ,

P.S. - I have written to Dr. Cunville about the August dates as suggested in your letter and am awaiting his reply. So far no word. If you have the opportunity to see him, I will be pleased if you can find out for me so that we can plan accordingly.

Many thanks.

Ry
FRV Roger E. Hedlund.

cc: Rev. G. Samuel.



RH:pm

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April 14, 1983

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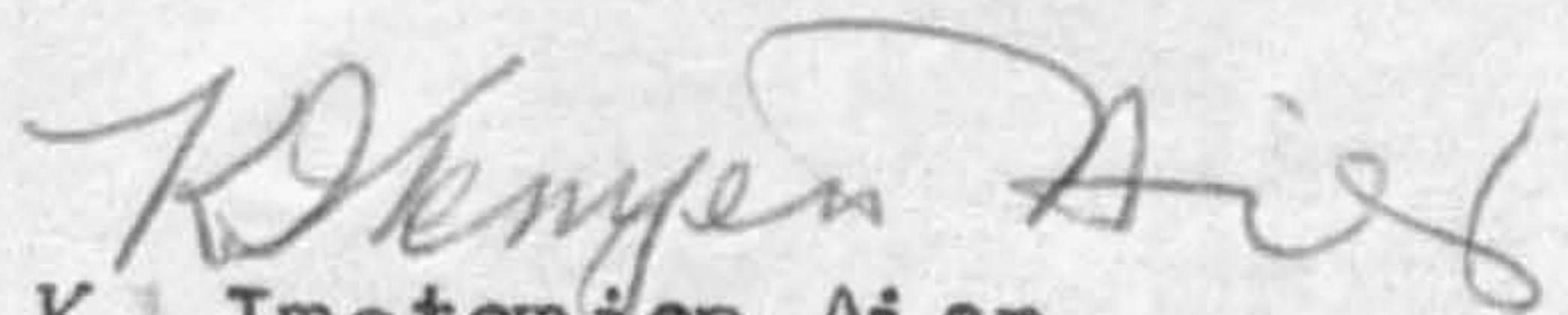
Re: Essays on Baptist work in India

Dear Roger:

I am responding to your letter of April 5 in which you requested me to write a brief essay on Baptist Work in North East India. This is to inform you of my acceptance to do work.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



K. Imotemjen Aier
General Secretary



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IN NORTH EAST INDIA

Panbazar, Gauhati

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Rev. F. Hrangkhuma
Union Biblical Seminary
Yavatmal
Maharashtra - 445 001.

dictated on 2 April, 1983
typed on 5 April, 1983

Dear Rev. Hrangkhuma,

Greetings in Jesus' Name from Madras.

Recently it was my privilege to attend the Consultations of the Baptist Union of India held from March 17 to 19 at Baptist Church, Hyderabad. One of the decisions taken at this Consultation was for the Baptist Union of India to produce a Baptist directory. Along with Rev. G. Samuel, the President of B.U.I., I have been asked to assist with this project. In addition to the directory of Baptist bodies and related information, we have discussed the possibility of including a series of essays, and it is in this connection that I write to you now. We felt it would be appropriate to include an essay on the Indigenous Missionary work of Indian Baptists, and I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to be the Author of this article. We intend to contact Rev. Aier regarding the Baptist History in the North East. What we have in mind from you is the specifically Missionary work of Indian Baptists, such as the Zoram Baptist Mission and others. I believe you would be well equipped for this as a Professor of Church History and a Baptist from the North East. We have in mind to include all of India in this essay. For example we learned of an indigenous ministry among tribals sponsored by the Convention of Baptist Churches in the Northern Circars in Andhra. It may be that you are in possession of other information for writing this factual article. My purpose in writing now is to get from you some response. Kindly let us know your availability for this task.

We did not specify the length of the article, but that is left to the judgement of the author. There is however a time factor in that the work should be completed this year for publication in time for the B.U.I. Assembly early in 1984.

Trust all is well. Madras is extremely hot these days. I returned two days ago from Nandurbar and Pune. At Pune I visited the new U.B.S. Campus. This was the first I had seen, and it is quite overwhelming. I still hope that something may be worked out for the use of the Yavatmal property. I must be in further contact with Narendra John in this regard. Please give him my greetings. My regards to you and to your family.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Rj

Roger E. Hedlund.

RH:pm



cc: Rev. G. Samuel.



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BAPTIST CHURCH HYDERABAD

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(హైదరాబాద్ బాప్టిస్టు సంఘ సమాచార దర్శకము)

సంపాదకుడు: రెవరెండ్ జి. సమూయేలు

సంపుటి	విషయము	సమయము
యెషావా	ధర్మశాస్త్రము	19:7
యదార్థమైనది	ప్రాణమును తెప్పరిల్ల జేయును	19:7
నమ్మదగినది	జానము పుట్టించును	19:7
నిర్దోషమైనది	హృదయమును సంతోషపరచును	19:8
నిర్మలమైనది	కన్నులకు వెలుగిచ్చును	19:8
పవిత్రమైనది	నిత్యము నిలుచును	19:9
సత్యమైనది	కేవలము వ్యాయమైనవి	19:9
కోరదగినవి	తేనెకంటె మధురమైనవి	19:10

CHURCH WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Sunday	9-00 a. m.	Sunday School
	10-00 a. m.	Junior Church Service (below 12)
	10-00 a. m.	Worship Service in Telugu
	6-00 p. m.	Worship Service in English
Monday	6-00 p. m.	Youth Fellowship
Tuesday	6-00 p. m.	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Wednesday	6-00 p. m.	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	6-00 p. m.	Sunday School Workshop by CEF
Friday	6-00 p. m.	Prayer Meeting
Saturday	5-00 p. m.	Men's Fellowship
	6-00 p. m.	Choir Practice



GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Service
from 12 noon to 3-00 p. m.
on Friday the 1st April 1983

Devotions on Seven Words of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Devotion time — 12 minutes

- * 1st Word — Luke 23 : 34
Devotion — Bishop Dr. Karriappa
Samuel, Hyderabad & M. P. Regio-
nal Conference Methodist Church
in India
- * 2nd Word — Luke 23 : 43
Devotion — Rev. Dr. J. Buruga
Principal Bharat Bible College
- * 3rd Word — John 19 : 26, 27
Devotion — Mrs. K. Lilly Rose
- * 4th Word — Matthew 27 : 44
Devotion — Rev. Dr. Franz Joshua
A Bible Teacher and Evangelist
- * 5th Word — John 19 : 28
Devotion — Mr. G. James Robert
President
- * 6th Word — John 19 : 30
Devotion — Rev. A. B. Joseph
Kishore
Co-ordinator, Bible Translations
- * 7th Word — Luke 23 : 46
Devotion — Rev. G. Samuel,
Pastor

Easter Sunday Service
at 9-30 a. m. on 3rd April 1983
Easter - Message — PASTOR

Special Singing
by Church Choir led by Mr. T. A.
Prabhu Kiran, Director.

All are Welcome Pray & Participate

SPECIAL

* **Welcome :** To Rev. Dr. T.W. Terral,
Pastor, Lanier Baptist Church, LA,
USA; Mr. Glenn Barnes, President,
Ropeholders International, TN,
USA, and to Bro. M. A. Thomas,
Emmanuel Bible Institute, Raja-
sthan visited our Church and had a
fellowship with our Church office
bearers and Pastors of Village
Ministry on 4th March 1983 and
God willing Rev. Dr. T. W. Terral
will be Preaching in our Church
at 10-00 a. m. on Sunday, the
6th March 1983. Please Pray.
May God bless their ministry.

* **Consultations :-** God willing
Baptist Union of India conducts
consultations from 17th to 19th
March '83 in Hyderabad with the
leaders of Baptist Churches both in
India and abroad with the purpose
of Co-ordinating the Baptist work
in India to reach people for Churist
and to have effective programme
in Evangelism. Please pray for the
BUI consultations and for all the
participants so that our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ will bring the
revival in the Churches and Sal-
vation to all people in this great
land of ours, India.

* **Baptisms :** There will be Baptisms
at 5-00 p. m. on Saturday the
26th March 1983. Please
pray for new believers.

NEWS

* **Women's Fellowship :-** Our
women's wing prayerfully has
taken up the challenging task
of repaying the amount of
Rs. 22,194.80 as the 7th and final
instalment of our Church Loan
Repayment to ECLOF before 31st
March 1983. Since it is the last
month all the women members are
requested to pray and to join
in giving. May God bless all.

* **Gospel Melodies in cassetts of our
Church Choir will be available for
sale before Good Friday and Easter
Services and God willing our
Church Choir will be on the
Hyderabad Television to sing praises
to our Lord on 1st and 3rd April
1983 for Good Friday and Easter
occasions. Congratulations. Pray
for the Choir.**

* **Church Timings :** The Timings of
our Church for Summer from 1st
April to September 30, are as
follows :

Sunday School	—	8-30 a. m.
Junior Church	—	9-30 a. m.
Sunday Service	—	9-30 a. m.
English Service	—	6-30 p. m.
Youth Fellowship	—	6-30 p. m.
Cottage Prayer	—	6-30 p. m.
Friday Prayer	—	6-30 p. m.
Meeting	—	6-30 p. m.
Women's Fellowship	—	5-00 p. m.

Please make note of change in
timings and kindly be on time for
all services.

VILLAGE GOSPEL MINISTRY

* Gospel Centres and Branches

Programme for March 1983

- i. Choutuppall Gospel Centre :
-Pastor N. John, C. Th.
-Survail
-Kondur
-Pochampally
-Surrounding Villages
- ii. Ramanthapur Gospel Centre :
-Pastor U. Samuel, B. A.
-Boduppall
-Uppal
Rajendranagar
- iii. Hayatnagar Gospel Centre :
-Pastor B. Samuel Babu, B. Th.
-Kuntlur
-Harijanawada
-Pochampally
Surrounding Villages
- iv. Vanasthalipura Gospel Centre :
-Pastor P. Sadhu Sunder Singh,
B. A.
-Bandlagudem
-Saroornagar
-Kothapet
-Surrounding Villages
- v. Rahamatnagar Gospel Centre :
-Pastor R. Asirvadam, B. Sc. B. D
-Banjara Hills
-Other Colonies
- vi. Choudariguda Gospel Centre :
-Honorary Evangelist Gideon
-Korremula
-Surrounding Villages
- vii. Pochampally Gospel Centre :
-Leader Bro. K. N. Padma Rao
6-3-83 Mr. P. A. Krupanandam
13-3-83 Mr. T. Theophilus
20-3-83 Mr. S. Sadanand
27-3-83 Mr. Sampath Kumar
Bhasym

* All Gospel Centres are having
regular Worship Services on
Sunday. Sunday School,
Payer meetings etc.



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Mr. G. James Robert Convener English Services.

తేది వారము

సంఘకార్యక్రమము

- 2 బుధ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ కుటీర ప్రార్థన-సహా. ఎ. సాల్మన్, సలీమ్ నగర్
- 4 శుక్ర : సా॥ 6 గం॥ నుండి మధ్య రాత్రి వరకు విజ్ఞాపణ ప్రార్థనలు
- 5 శని : సా॥ 5 గం॥ శ్రీల సమాజము సంఘాలయములో కూడును.
- 6 ఆది : ఉ॥ 10 గం॥ ఆరాధన-వాక్యపరిచర్య-సంఘకాపరి
- At 6.00 PM English Service-Message-Rev. Moses Sangha**
- 7 సోమ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ BYF -
- 9 బుధ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ కుటీర ప్రార్థన-సహా. డి. తియ్యోరన్
- 11 శుక్ర : సా॥ 6 గం॥ ప్రార్థనకూటము ధ్యానము-పాస్టర్. కె. సుధాకర్
- 12 శని : సా॥ 5 గం॥ CBA శ్రీలసమాజం
- 13 ఆది : ఉ॥ 10 గం॥ ఆరాధన-వాక్యపరిచర్య-సంఘకాపరి
- At 6.00 PM English Service-Message-Mr. G. James Robert, President**
- 14 సోమ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ BYF -
- 15 మం : సా॥ 6 గం॥ సంఘకార్యనిర్వాహక వర్తపు కూటము.
- 16 బుధ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ కుటీర ప్రార్థన-సహా. జి. జేమ్స్ రాబర్ట్, కూలబిపల్లి
- 18 శుక్ర : సా॥ 6 గం॥ ప్రార్థనకూటము ధ్యానము-సహా. జి. జేసుదాస్
- 19 శని : సా॥ 5 గం॥ శ్రీల సమాజము-శ్రీమతి ఎ. సుధర్మనావతి, తారనాప
- 20 ఆది : ఉ॥ 10 గం॥ ఆరాధన-వాక్యపరిచర్య-Guest Speaker
- At 6.00 PM English Service-Message-Guest Speaker**
- 21 సోమ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ BYF - వరమానము- పాస్టర్. కె. సుధాకర్
- 23 బుధ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ కుటీర ప్రార్థన-శ్రీమతి సోభాగ్యం, యూసుఫ్ గూడ
- 25 శుక్ర : సా॥ 6 గం॥ ప్రార్థనకూటము ధ్యానము- సహా. జి. జేమ్స్ రాబర్ట్, ప్రేసిడెంటి
- 26 శని : సా॥ 5 గం॥ బాప్తిస్మములు
- 27 ఆది : ఉ॥ 10 గం॥ ఆరాధన- వాక్యపరిచర్య-సంఘకాపరి
- At 6.00 PM-English Service-Message-Rev. G. Samuel**
- 28 సోమ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ BYF - వరమానము-సంఘకాపరి
- 30 బుధ : సా॥ 6 గం॥ కుటీర ప్రార్థన-సహా. సి. మనోహర్ దేవిడ్, బాగ్ లింగంపల్లి

గమనిక : ప్రతి ఆదివారము ఉదయం 9 గం॥ ఆదివారపు బడులు ఉదయం 10 గం॥ 12 సంవత్సరముల వయస్సు వరకు జూనియర్ చర్చి జరుగును.

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“మీరు సర్వలోకమునకు వెళ్ళి సర్వ సజ్జనులను ప్రకటించుడి” మార్కు 16:15

Rev. G. Samuel, Pastor, Baptist Church, 3-1-17A, Arayanguda, Hyd-500 029 (A.P.) P. 223447

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May 17, 1983

Dr. Roger Hedlund
Madras Bible Seminary
14, Waddell Road, Kilpauk
Madras 10, India

Dear Roger:

I hope you will recognize our Universal Concern Foundation as the organization that sponsored Rev. K. N. Nathaniel in his recent study with you. I am going to be in India for parts of June and July, and will be passing through Madras on Monday, July 4th and Wednesday, July 6th, en route to Nellore and back to Bombay. I will be arriving by morning flight from Hyderabad, on Monday, at 10:05, and would be very pleased if I could have a visit with you before catching a train to Nellore. So, I would like to ask you also if you could make two train reservations and get tickets for me and Mrs. Blanchard, by the best connection on to Nellore.

We will be returning to Madras Wednesday, to take a flight to Bombay in the evening, around seven o'clock, if it is still on that schedule. The friends in Nellore will make those train reservations, and I might be able to see you on that day, if Monday is not feasible.

I know you are liable to be away from Madras at this time, and am just hoping that this letter will be forwarded to you, and that we can get a reply before we leave Chattanooga on Monday, June 13th. Time is pretty short. If you have to send a reply, please do so and I will reimburse you with much gratitude.



With best wishes, and hoping to see you and talk over plans for future cooperation together.

Yours for Christ's glory,
Maurice Blanchard, Ex. Dir.

Maurice

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May 19, 1983

Dr. Marian Boehr
Baptist Christian Hospital
Nellore, Nellore District, A. P.

and Miss Irene Saunders, Missionary
Cherlopalli, Manubolu Post
Nellore District, A. P.

Dear Marian and Irene:

Rev. K. R. Samuel of Ramapatnam has just sent me a copy of the railway time tables, and it has affected our plans. Everything looks good for the trip from Madras to Nellore. We arrive Madras around 10:20 on Monday morning, July 4th, and can go to Roger Hedlund's, take them with us to the Dasa Prakash for lunch, have a visit and discussion with him, and catch the train around four o'clock for arrival in Nellore around seven that evening. I have asked him to make train reservations and buy two tickets for us, and hope he can take care of this.

Now, if either of you, or Roger, needs to send a cablegram, please don't hesitate. I will reimburse you, for all expenses.

Tuesday, we were hoping that Irene might drive us to Ramapatnam and back, leaving Nellore around ten, if the roads and the rains permit. We can't set the early pace we used to, but hope to have a little time in Ramapatnam and return to Nellore that night.

It is the return trip from Nellore to Madras that bothers us. About the only decent train connection comes through Nellore at six-thirty in the morning, and would be crowded. We would have a hard time getting even a place to sit, and would reach Madras and have to stay there all day until six that evening waiting for our plane to Bombay.

I believe there are deluxe air-conditioned buses running from Nellore to Madras. Would advise that?

I know we have chosen a very unlikely time for our visit. The rains may even make it impossible to drive to Ramapatnam on that one day. And might make it impossible to take a bus to Madras on that one day. What do you advise?

Shall I ask K. R. Samuel to arrange a car from Ramapatnam to come and get us? Or, will Irene be able? Or, could Marian send us in a hospital car? We'll pay all expenses of course.

Your invitation to stay at Cherlopalli and speak in the services there was lovingly appreciated. But we regret that it is impossible to add to our schedule in any way. I have to be in Bombay by Wednesday night, and I am going to be in Hyderabad on Sunday before coming to you. At the same time, Irene, we have to watch our schedule more closely now, just like you I imagine. So, we are very sorry about this.

We do hope you can work something for our return trip to Madras. We leave from here on Monday, June 20, for the Southern Baptist Convention in Pittsburgh, and so if you have a cablegram, please don't hesitate.

With best wishes, and forward to seeing both of you. Lovingly,



Copy to Roger Hedlund, Madras Bible Seminary.

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Maurice

3 June, 1983.

Mr. Maurice Blanchard
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Dear Mr. Blanchard,

Your letter of 17th May '83 to hand.

As requested by you, we are reserving two tickets to Nellore by the Hyderabad Express on the 4th of July which leaves Madras at 4 PM.

Dr. Hedlund is away at Kodaikanal and will be back by the end of this month. You will be able to meet him on the 4th morning when you arrive. The office address is as noted above. His residential address is: No. 107, F Block, Anna Nagar (East), Madras 600102.

Yours in Him,

AJ

B.J.A. Solomon,
Office Manager.

cc: Dr. R.E. Hedlund.

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Dr. R.E. Hedlund
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June 10, '83.

Dear Dr. Hedlund,

I have before me that excellent presentation you made before the National Consultation of the Baptist Union of India entitled "Research information regarding responsive peoples and areas - a Baptist Report". Ofcourse I didnt have to listen to it as I had to leave the consultation earlier.

Since you have indicated that this material is not for publication I seek your permission to use it in the Inaugural number of the Baptist periodical the Baptist Union of India executive have asked me to edit and publish. I request you kindly to edit it and send me the material by about the 25th of this month. May we also publish Appendix - B?

Just a comment on Appendix-A - "List of Baptist Bodies in India". This is an admirable compilation and for most part, accurate. Under the caption 'ethno-linguistic composition' you indicated against Convention of Baptist Churches of Northern Circars, you mentioned "Madiga" and against samavesam, "Mala". To begin with, these two are interposed and both the conventions have 'Malas' and 'Madigas' but predominantly the C.B.C.N.C. is 'Mala' and S.T.B.C. is 'Madiga'. I suggest that you donot use these words because the present day generation resents it and also it is a fact that there is a sizeable influx of non-harijan converts into both these Conventions. Secondly, how far is Mala - Madiga strain ethnological or simply social. The Dravidian streak in their culture is by no means restricted to them as most of the lower strata of Sudras also have the Dravidian background. This is just to bring my comments to your notice.

I was so glad to meet you at the consultation and look forward to the pleasure of meeting you again in the future.

With Christian Greetings,



Yours in His service,

(A.B. MASILAMANI).

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14 June 1983

Dear Dr. Masilamani,

Your letter of 10th June '83 to hand.

I have to advise that Dr. Hedlund is away at Kodaikanal and is expected to return only by the end of this month.

Right now he is fully engaged on the manuscript of his forth coming book 'Missionary Theology of the Bible'. So it may not be possible for him to edit the 'Baptist Report' and send it to you by the 25th of this month as you requested. Moreover the report is probably not with him at Kodaikanal. However I am forwarding your letter to him.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,

BJ

B. J. A. Solomon,
Office Manager.

cc: R. E. Hedlund.

BJ:ps



Dr. Jack M. Shelby
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29 June, 1983.

Dear Jack Shelby:

Greetings.

I am glad to inform you that I have made contacts in government offices in order to obtain information. I have got information on Madras and the rest will be completed in a week or so.

I shall be forwarding to you the completed questionnaires as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

R. Raja.
Research Coordinator

cc: Dr. R.E. Hedlund.

RR:pm



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12—16 July 1982

THE BIBLE AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

By Carl W. Tiller

Before proceeding to look at specific Biblical texts, it is well to take note that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is primarily an affirmation of **fundamental freedoms** which are similar to those which we Baptists affirm as corollaries of the God-human relationship. Our affirmations are rooted in the understanding of the God-man (God-human) relationship as we interpret the Bible as a whole.

Some of Our Doctrinal Affirmations

Freedom of Choice. We understand that each human is given the choice of accepting or rejecting God's redemption, that God does not coerce us, and that neither parents nor "god-parents" can make the decision for one. Spiritual rebirth into the Kingdom of God is a personal matter.

Freedom from "props." We understand that baptism is not a means of grace, but a symbol of what has already happened to the believer - death to the old self, and resurrection to the new life. Thus we affirm that salvation is not dependent upon properties (such as water) or upon other humans (such as a baptizer). Rather, each human's salvation depends upon a direct relationship to God, in which no third party is necessary.

Freedom from religious hierarchies. We understand that God, the Holy Spirit, will enlighten the believer who studies the Word and truly seeks understanding, and that neither Pastor nor Bishop nor Synod can rightly coerce us. Everyone has a right to freedom of opinion, a right to express opinions, and a right to vote as he/she is led, as we believe, by the Holy Spirit.

Freedom from the State. We understand that the State should keep "hands off" in matters religious. Just as God does not coerce us neither should the community of people (the State) seek to coerce our consciences or beliefs.

Freedom from class distinctions. We understand that all of God's children are loved equally, and that in the economy of God there are no distinctions of race, color, sex, language, national origin, or other such "status" characteristics of birth and rearing. Nor does our Christian fellowship place one person above another because of economic or political environment, or because of political attainments.

Association for the Common Good. Free individuals have duties to the community (Society), says the Declaration. This closely resembles our Baptist perception that individual freedom before God does not lead us to hermit-type living, but to association with other believers in the community of the church, and to the association of churches with other churches.



Annotation of the Declaration

In the left column below, we quote the 30 articles of the Declaration (omitting the Preamble). In the right column, we cite some Biblical verses which seem relevant to the passage across the page. However, the Biblical texts are not presented here in the context in which they occur, and therefore are in no sense "proof texts" for the Declaration.

In the selection of Biblical passages, we have drawn extensively on the Biblical references in the Spanish language booklet, "La Palabra de Dios, Los Derechos Humanos y El Pueblo de Dios", published in 1981 by the Consejo Latino-americano de Iglesias (en formacion), but we quote them here in the English language, utilizing several translations.

The Declaration

Article 1 All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act toward one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2 Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-selfgoverning, or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3 Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4 No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5 No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6 Everyone has the right to recognition as a person before the law.

God's Word

"Friends," he said, "You are brothers; why are you hurting each other?"

Acts 7:26

There are no distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison.

Isaiah 61:1

Save me from those who oppress me.

Psalms 119:134

Let justice must be your ideal, so that you may live in rightful possession of the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 16:20



Article 7 All are equal before the law and are entitled, without any discrimination, to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 8 Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10 Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal.

Article 11 Everyone charged with a penal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

No one shall be held guilty of any penal offense on account of any act or omission that did not constitute a penal offense, under national or international law, at the time when it was omitted. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offense was committed.

Article 12 No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13 Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

Do not keep judging according to appearances; let your judgement be according to what is right.

John 7:24

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Proverbs 29:2

These six towns will be a refuge, for the sons of Israel as well as for the stranger and the settler among you, where anyone who has killed accidentally may find sanctuary.

Numbers 35:15

Justice, and only justice, you shall follow.

Deuteronomy 16:20

Jesus answered him, "If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?"

John 18:23

Their homes are safe from fear.

Job 21:9

Rest assured that I am with you, I will keep you safe wherever you go, and bring you back to this land for I will not desert



Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14 Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15 Everyone has the right to a nationality. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

Article 16 Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the state.

Article 17 Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

Article 18 Everyone has right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

Article 19 Everyone has a right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

you before I have done all that I have promised you.

Genesis 28:15

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him."

Matthew 2:13

Since the God who made the world and everything in it is himself Lord of heaven and earth, he does not make his home in shrines made by human hands.

Acts 17:24

Marriage is to be honored by all, and husbands and wives must be faithful to each other.

Hebrew 13:4

You may live anywhere you wish, trade freely and own property.

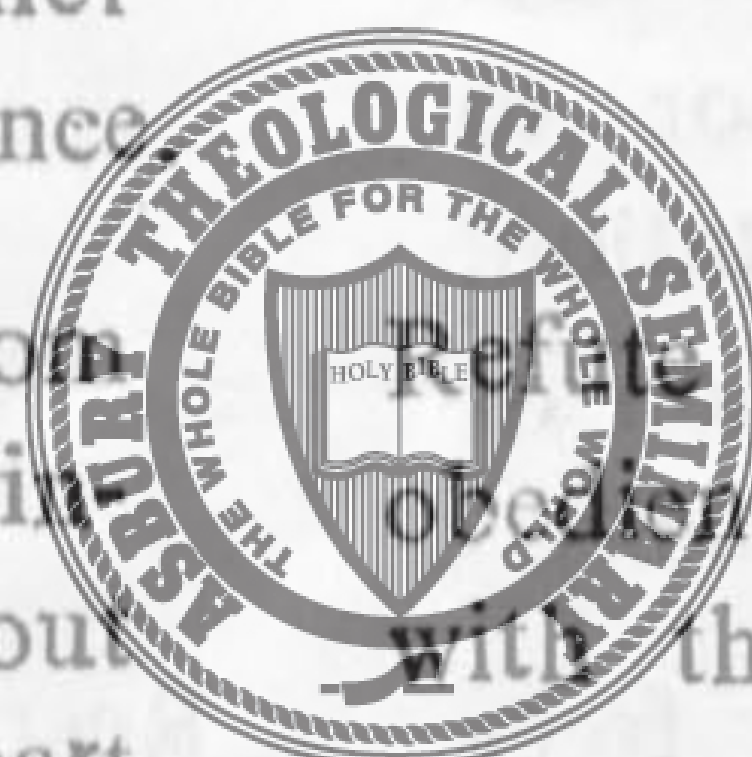
Genesis 34:10

We cannot stop speaking of what we ourselves have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience...but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

II Timothy 4:2



Article 20 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association. No one may be compelled to belong to an association.

Article 21 Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives. Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country.

The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections, which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures.

Article 22 Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to the realization, through national effort and international cooperation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each state, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Article 23 Everyone has the right to work, to a free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work, and to protection against unemployment.

Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work. Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration, insuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection.

Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

Article 24 Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including a reasonable limitation of working hours, and periodic holidays with pay.

Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.

Isaiah 43:9

But Yaweh said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you."

1 Samuel 8:7

Let there be no poor among you. For Yahweh will bless you in the land Yahweh your God gives you for your inheritance only if you pay careful attention to his voice, keeping and observing all these commandments that I enjoin on you today.

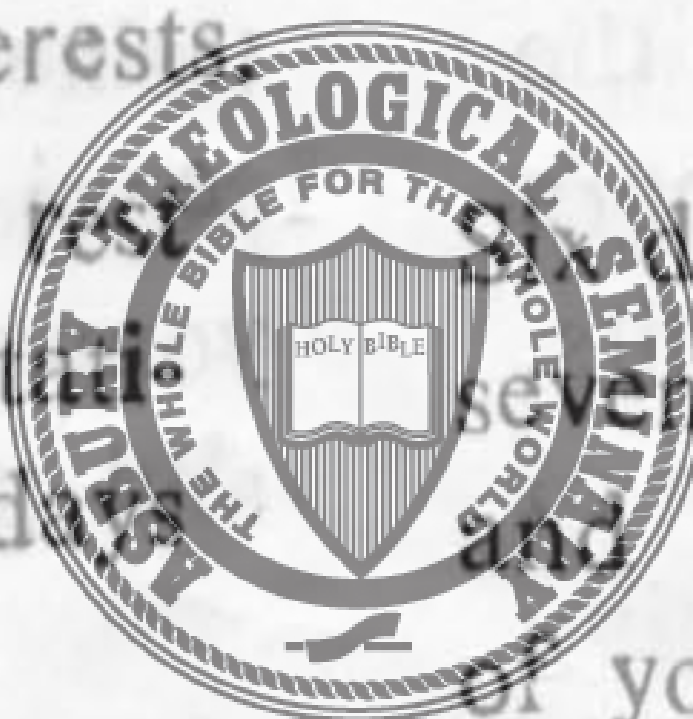
Deuteronomy 15:4-5

The laborer deserves his wages.

Luke 10:7

Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shalt rest; that your ox and your ass may have rest, and the son of your handmaid and the alien, may be refreshed.

Exodus 23:12



Article 25 Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same special protection.

Article 26 Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages.

Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children.

Article 27 Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits. Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author.

When you gather the harvest of your land, you are not to harvest to the very end of the field. You are not to gather the gleanings of the harvest. You are neither to strip your vine nor to collect the fruit that has fallen in your vineyard. You must leave them for the poor and the stranger.

Leviticus 19:9-10

My people perish for want of knowledge.

Hosea 4:6

They had to be handsome, intelligent, well-trained, quick to learn, and free from physical defects God gave the four young men knowledge and skill in literature and philosophy.

Daniel 1:4,17



Article 28 Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

He will wield authority over many peoples and arbitrate for mighty nations; they will hammer their swords into plowshares, their spears into sickles. Nation, will not lift sword against Nation, there will be no more training for war.

Micah 4:3

Article 29 Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible. In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society. These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Live as free people; do not, however, use your freedom to cover up any evil.

I Peter 2:16

Article 30 Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any state, group or person any right to engage in an activity or to perform an act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

Any country that divides itself into groups which fight each other will not last very long.

Matthew 12:25

Some facts on the U N and Human Rights

The Declaration was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1948 by a vote of 48 to 0 (with some abstaining). It does not have the force of law, but is a standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

Two major covenants (treaties) to carry out the Declaration were offered to the States in 1966 and have become law for the States which chose to adhere to them: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (plus optional protocol) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights.



Also, some 16 supplementary conventions have been written and have come into force for the States which have agreed to adhere to them. They cover such subjects as : freedom of association, prevention of the crime of genocide, suppression of traffic in persons, equal remuneration for men and women, the status of refugees, the political rights of women, the abolition of slavery, the nationality of married women, the abolition of forced labor, eliminating discrimination in employment and occupation, the status of stateless persons, against discrimination in education, on the international right of correction, on marriage, and on the elimination of racial discrimination.

Further, the General Assembly in 1981 proclaimed a Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion and Relief.

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The Baptist World Alliance is encouraging the Baptist churches around the world to observe UN Human Rights Day on December 10 to give emphasis during 1983, '84, '85. The BUI is also encouraging the Baptist churches in India to observe the UN Human Rights Day. You can make the programme which will be suitable to your situation.

It has placed Bible texts along each article to give a Christian perspective for human values and rights.

The North East India Baptist Fellowship had already taken a decision on July 29, '83 to observe the day and a directive is being issued to its members (see attached page for guidance).

Dimapur
July 30, 1983

R. Terhüja
Executive Secretary, BUI
Dimapur, Nagaland, India



12 August, 1983.

Dr. A. B. Masilamani
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The Indian Baptist Record
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Dear Dr. Masilamani,

Greetings in our Lord from CHURCH GROWTH RESEARCH CENTRE at Madras!

Congratulations on the inaugural number of THE INDIAN BAPTIST RECORD! The periodical is attractive, readable, and factual. Thank you for sending several copies to us for distribution. I feel this journal should fill a definite need. It is of much interest to us to receive the news contained.

Would it be possible to send copies of the official Organ of the Baptist Union of India to Dr. A. L. Tuggy who is the Asia Secretary of CBFMS at P.O. Box 5, Wheaton, Illinois 60189? I would be grateful. Also the Baptist Christian Association might benefit by receiving the periodical. This could be addressed to Baptist Christian Association, Box 5, Paratwada, Amravati District, Maharashtra 444 805. Thank you very much.

By the way, you did an excellent job of editing my paper. Thank you very much.

Yours in Christ,


for Roger E. Hedlund.

cc: Dr. A. L. Tuggy

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27th August '83

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Dear Dr. Hedlund:

Thank you for your letter dated 12th August addressed to Dr. Masilamani. He is presently abroad touring Canada and the U.S.A. and expected to return on the 9th of October, '83.

Thank you for your very kind words about 'the Indian Baptist Record'. With the active involvement and co-operation of all concerned, this journal is bound to make a very favourable impact throughout the Baptist Churches in our land. Today we have posted one copy of the magazine to Dr. A.L. Tuggy as desired by you and also a few copies to the Baptist Christian Association, Paratwada.

Thanking you and with Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

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Office Manager



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Dear Dr. Masilamani,

We are in receipt of your letter of 27th August, '83. and we greatly appreciate your prompt response to Dr. Hedlund's request to you to send copies of the Indian Baptist Record to Dr. A.L. Tuggy, and to the B.C.A. Paratwada.

We thank you very much and wish the journal a bright future and fruitful Ministry.

With Christian greetings,

Yours sincerely,



B.J.A. Solomon,
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cc: Dr. R.E. Hedlund.



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To
All Secretaries
Baptist groups in India

Subject : An appeal to support BUI programme

Dear co-worker,

There are over 10 different foreign Baptist Missions working with over 20 different Baptist groups in India. The leaders come to know each other and exchange their view through BUI programmes. In order to grow toward maturity the BUI encourages the local churches to depend on their own resources for various church programmes. The BUI is encouraging the leaders to work together as a team in Gospel ministry in India and the programme is fully depended on national contributions. The BUI needs your help for the following programmes:

- a) for BUI Quadriennial Assembly March 1984, we need Rs 60,000 for arrangements and travel aids;
- b) for BUI office, salary we need Rs 35,000 yearly;
- c) for each regional group (if it is well organised), we need Rs 25,000 yearly for office, salary.

Your Baptist group may be able to help BUI or regional for a year or two or for 4 years or you can generously contribute to BUI fund.

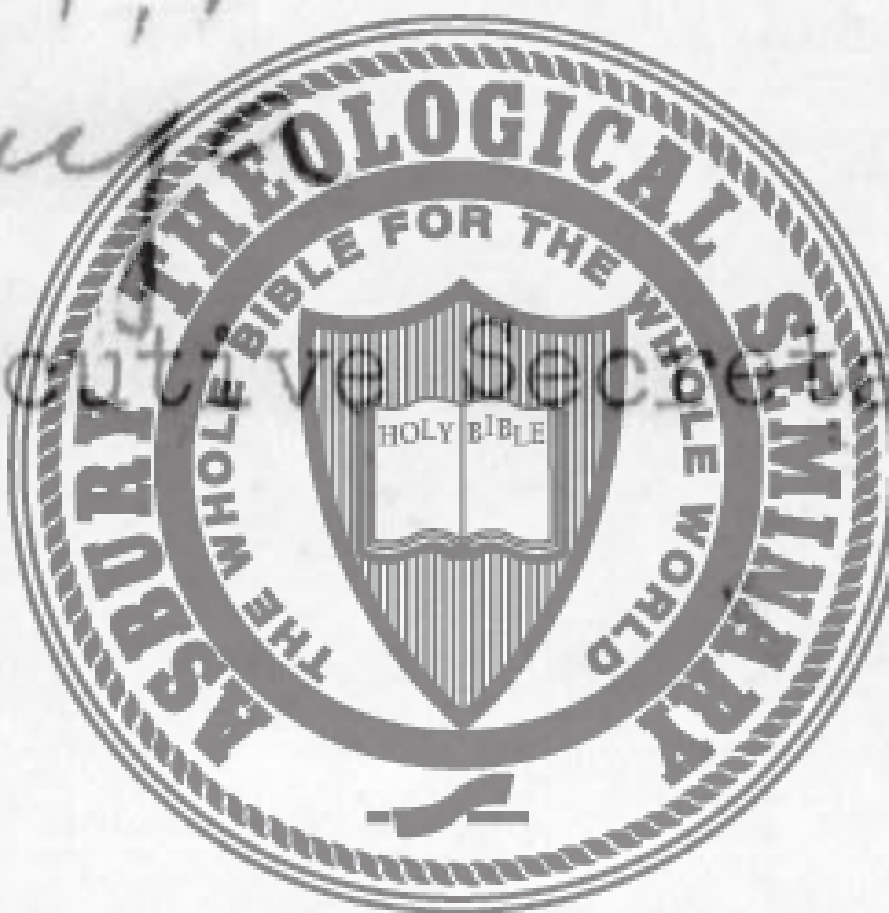
For those needs I am appealing to you:

- a) to take these requests to your Executive Committee meeting for consideration and see the possible help from your group;
- b) to encourage all Baptists to contribute atleast 10 paise per head to BUI programme in 1983, 1984 especially for BUI Quadriennial Assembly.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours in Christ

R. Terhuja
R. Terhuja, Executive Secretary, BUI



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Dear friends,

You are aware that this is the 5th year that Baptists in India have been making attempts to have better communication among the different Baptist Missions on national level through the Baptist Union of India. Attempts were made before through honorarium workers but a new beginning with fresh records are being maintained after creating the post of an Executive Secretary to cover the works.

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September 2, 1983

Dr. Roger E. Hedlund
Church Growth Research Centre
Post Bag 768, Kilpauk
Madras 600 010

Dear Roger:

I was back in India in July, but I regret that my itinerary did not bring me to Madras this time and I did not have an opportunity to see ^{you}. I imagine that it would not have been likely to find you at home anyway considering the time of year and your busy schedule. I trust that everything is going well.

I want to express my appreciation again for your presentation at the Baptist Consultation in Hyderabad, especially the research report and the opportunity you had to challenge the group to reach out to some of the new potentially responsive areas. Although I am quite sceptical concerning the future of the Baptist Union of India, I am optimistic about some cooperative efforts of local Baptist groups and agencies working together. We were able to lay a lot of groundwork for our expanded church planting program and leadership training program during Jack Shelby's six months in India. We will be initiating quarterly training seminars in nine locations in October and by January will be involved in several church planting projects.

I hope to write you in detail about all that we are doing, but my main purpose in getting this letter off is to let you know that we will be reducing our contribution to the Church Growth Research Centre in January 1984 to \$100 each month. We recognize the value of what you are doing and are committed to it, but with the initiation of the expanded program we have been working toward for several years in India we don't feel we can maintain the \$200 monthly contribution and meet the priorities of our budget needs. We will plan to continue support of \$100 monthly and hope you will be understanding of the necessity of this adjustment. By the way, with our taking over work in Bombay we are very interested in receiving any research reports you may have compiled recently in Madras.



Sincerely yours,

cc: Dr. Bill Wakefield
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U. S. A. ,

Dear Mr. Rankin,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd September, '83, addressed to Dr. Hedlund. Dr. Hedlund is in Pakistan at present in connection with Seminars and Conferences and he is expected back by about the 5th of October, '83.

While we are grateful to you for your support of \$ 200/- a month during this year, We regret to note that you will be reducing it to \$100/- next year. All the same we are thankful to you and trust in the Lord to meet our needs.

We Pray that the Lord may richly bless your forth coming programmes in India.

I shall pass on your letter to Dr. Hedlund on his return.

Yours cordially,

B.J.A.

B.J.A. Solomon,
Office manager.

cc: Dr. R.E. Hedlund.



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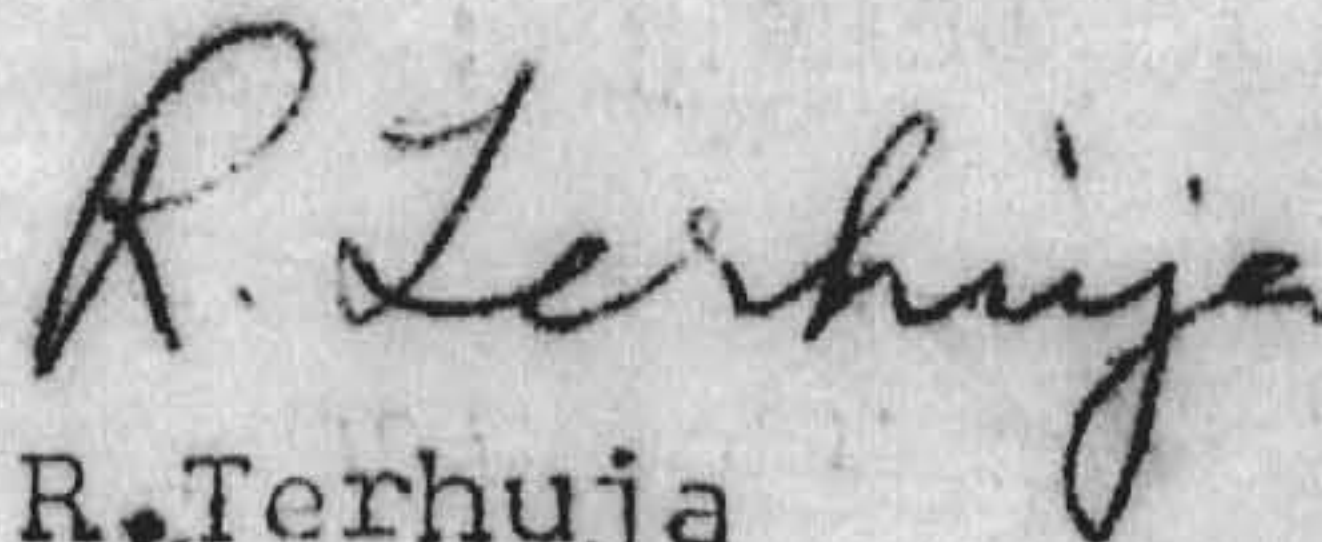
Ref. : Change of 2nd BUI Quadriennial Assembly date

Dear friends,

The BUI is inviting the General Secretary of BWA to the BUI Second Quadriennial Assembly at Dimapur, Nagaland. He can come to the Assembly if the date can be changed because it conflicts with BWA Executive Committee meeting. So we have changed the BUI Second Quadriennial Assembly to March 1 - 4, 1984.

With best regards

Yours in Him



R. Terhuja
Executive Secretary BUI



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24th September, 1983.

Mr. R. Terhuja,
Executive Secretary,
Baptist Union of India,
Church Road,
Dimapur - 797 112,
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Dear Mr. Terhuja,

We acknowledge receipt of your circular letter dated 3rd September, '83, along with the enclosure, informing us about the BUI Second Quadriennial Assembly at Dimapur, from March 1 - 4, 1984.

We have also received the prayer sheet and we note to remember the Assembly meet in our devotions.

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Baptist groups prayer partners

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BAPTIST PRAYER DAY

(Baptist Union of India)

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..... *he will revive us and we will live in his presence.*

Hosea 6:2

Let us pray for the renewal of all Baptist Churches in India.

Let us pray for the coming 2nd BUI Quadriennial Assembly which will be held during March 1—4, 1984 at Dimapur, Nagaland:

- pray for the leaders and speakers;
- pray for the delegates / observers / visitors.

Pray for the ministry of the following Baptist Missions :

	Church	Member
1. Council of Baptist Churches in Northern India		
a) Bengal Baptist Union, Bengal	90	5,774
b) Baptist Church of Mizoram, Mizoram	240	33,000
c) Baptist Union of Northern India, Delhi		
d) Utkal Baptist Church Central Council, Orissa	69	5,800
2. Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India		
a) Nagaland Baptist Church Council, Nagaland	1102	209,382
b) Manipur Baptist Convention, Manipur	1069	81,002
c) Assam Baptist Convention, Assam	240	15,000
d) Garo Baptist Convention, Meghalaya	1115	80,599
3. Bengal-Orissa-Bihar Baptist Convention	63	5,893
4. Samavasam of Telegu Baptist Churches, A.P.	697	298,873
5. Council of Baptist Churches in Northern Circars A.P.	204	135,000
6. Karnataka Baptist Sabhagala Samaikya, Karnataka	62	3,500
7. North Bank Baptist Christian Association, Assam	312	20,000
8. Goalpara Baptist Union, Assam	105	6,570
9. Tripura Baptist Christian Union, Tripura	220	9,600
10. Free Will Baptist Church of India, U.P.	43	18,634
11. Universal Concern in India	8	2,500
12. Lott Carey Baptist Mission, Delhi	1	150
Orissa Baptist Evangelistic Crusade, Orissa (same as Sl. No. 1. d)		

Other Baptist groups

Fundamental Baptist Fellowship of India, Assam
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Directives For Human Rights Day Observation And The Nearest Sunday For Prayer

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1. Organise public meeting in your respective places and if possible arrange silent procession with appropriate placards and banners.
2. Translate 30 articles of UN declaration on Human Rights into your language and read out in the public meeting. A church leader can give a talk on Human Rights or explain the articles in practical life situation. The Executive Secretary can assign the church leaders to go to the villages and let them explain the UN Human Rights articles to the villagers.
3. In town or city, the public leaders and the church leaders can meet together and discuss about the articles for positive application in North East India.
4. The church may undertake any other programme befitting the observance of UN Human Rights Day.
5. All the churches are requested to hold prayer meeting for peace in North East India and the world on the nearest Sunday (December 11, 1983) by having mass prayer in the church service and summarising the UN Human Rights articles.

Rev. D. Bhuyan, President, NEIBF, Shakomato, Assam Mr. R. Terhüja, Secretary, NEIBF, Dimapur, Nagaland



**NORTH EAST INDIA
BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**

CONSTITUTION

**OFFICE OF NEIBF
Church Road, Dimapur
NAGALAND, INDIA**



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NORTH EAST INDIA BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Baptist are the largest Denominational group in the North East India. They are actively operating in their respective areas. The Baptist leaders in their first Consultation at Dimapur, Nagaland in 1979 felt the need of their coming closer for fellowship and cooperation for greater evangelistic outreach efforts etc. and that they should have a functional and viable body like 'North East India Baptist Fellowship, to enable them to work together with a common goal in view.

As a result, the second meeting of the North East India Baptist Fellowship (NEIBF) was held in Gauhati, Assam in 1981. Where a draft constitution on the NEIBF was accepted by the representatives of the Baptist Churches of the Region. This Constitution, accepted by the representatives on the date November 13, 1981, come into force after it is finally approved by the member bodies of the NEIBF.

I NAME

The organisation shall be known as NORTH EAST INDIA BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP' herein after referred to N.E.I.B.F.

II AIMS

The general aim of the NEIBF shall be :

- A. To express oneness of the Baptist churches in NEIBF:
- B. To promote spiritual growth through mutual sharing and closer Fellowship :
- C. To promote the United Baptist Mission of NEI : and to unitedly stand together in respect of common problems :
- D. To give expression to the Baptist point of view on various issues.



III MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be of two kinds :

A. Full membership :

Any Baptist organisation such as a Union, a council of an Association of Churches in North East India which subscribes to Baptist faith & practice shall be eligible for membership subject to approval of the Biennial Conference.

B. Associate membership :

Church related agencies - organisations of the NEI Baptist churches are eligible for Associate membership.

IV OFFICERS

The Officers of NEIBF shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer.

V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee shall be constituted with members as follows :

- 1) NEIBF officers — 3 (President, Secretary, Treasurer)
- 2) NBBCA — 1
- 3) GBU — 1
- 4) BCM — 2
- 5) TBCU — 1
- 6) CBCNEI — 4
- 7) Members at large 2

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B. The Executive Committee members shall be bonafide members of good standing of Baptist Churches of NEI. The Officers and the two members at large shall be elected at the time of the Biennial Conference and the rest shall be delegated by the respective constituent bodies. All the positions shall be honorary.

C. The Executive Committee members shall hold office for two years. They shall be eligible for re-election for two consecutive terms and can be re-elected after a lapse of one term. Normally the Executive Committee shall meet once a year.



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VI THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF NEIBF

A. The Biennial Conference shall meet biennially at a time and place fixed by the previous Conference.

B. The constituent bodies are eligible to send delegates as follows:

550	up to	5000	—	10	delegates
5,001	up to	15,000	—	15	delegates
15,001	up to	30,000	—	30	delegates
30,001	up to	100,000	—	50	delegates
100,001	over				delegates

C. Observers and fraternal delegates from the other parts of the country and abroad may be invited by the NEIBF.

VII MEMBERSHIP FEE

Membership fee from the constiuent bodies :

Rs 100/-	for membership	—	up to	5,000
Rs 150/-	"		5,001	to 15,000
Rs 200/-	"		15,001	to 30,000
Rs 250/-	"		30,001	to 100,000
Rs 350/-	"		100,001	over

VIII RELATION WITH BUI

NEIBF will be one of the Regional Fellowship of the BUI.

IX UNITED BAPTIST MISSION OF NEIBF

The UBMNEIBF shall be the Mission wing of the NEIBF. The churches of NEIBF shall support the Mission projects to reach the unreached with the gospel. To this end the NEIBF shall make programmes to motivate the Baptist Churches for active support to the UBMNEIBF projects .

X DUTIES

A. PRESIDENT

The President shall preside over the Biennial conference and the Executive Committee meetings.

B. VICE - PRESIDENT

The Vice—President shall preside over the Biennial conference or Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the President or when requested to do so .

C. SECRETARY

- 1) The Secretary shall prepare the agenda and give Biennial report to the NEIBF;
 - 2) He shall send notices of the Biennial Conference or Executive Committee meetings and shall publish bulletins to disseminate informations regarding the various activities among the churches within NEIBF;
 - 3) He shall work for the promotion of the NEIBF and correspond on behalf of the NEIBF;
 - 4) He shall be responsible for implimenting decisions of the Executive Committee;
 - 5) When necessity arises for any immediate action he will act in consulation with the President and the Treasurer subject to the retification at the next Executive Committee.
- D. Assistant Secretary : The Assistant Secretary will assist the Secretary.
- E. Treasurer : 1) The Treasurer shall prepare budget and present it to the Executive Committee and Biennial Conference:
- 2) He shall make payments as authorised by the Executive Committee;
 - 3) He shall operate the Bank account of NEIBF.

XI DUTIES OF THE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

- A. To elect its officers and two members—at large to the Executive Committee;
- B. To hear reports of officers & various committee and projects;
- C. To approve the budget of NEIBF;
- D. To amend the Constitution and By-Laws;
- E. To determine affiliation with other organisations;
- F. To consider and approve policies of the NEIBF and any other deemed necessary for the healthy growth of the NEIBF such as Youth and Women programmes etc;
- G. To appoint nomination Committee;
- H. To apoint ad-hoc Committees as and when necessary.



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XII DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. To carry on the business on behalf of NEIBF;
- B. To recommend budget to the Biennial Conference;
- C. To appoint standing committee, special committees etc.
- D. To recommend programmes and projects to the Biennial Conference for approval.

XIII QUORUM

- A. A simple majority form the quorum of any meeting;
- B. In the case of the Biennial Conference it will be on the basis of the constituent bodies.

XIV AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to the Constitution shall be notified 3 months ahead of time of the meeting of the Executive Committee and of approved should be sent to Biennial Conference for ratification by a majority.

The NEIBF Constitution amendment was accepted by the High Power Committee on Dec. 1, '82 at Gauhati meeting.

(The third NEIBF general meeting at Jorhat November 3 - 7, '82 appointed 10 members as High Power Committee of NEIBF-two from each constituent body to finalise the amendment and endorsement of the Constnition.)

December 6, 82
Dimapur, Nagaland

R. Terhüja
Secretary NEIBF

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3. Rev. Holdenson Sangma Executive Secretary, GBU, Bagpara
4. Rev. P. Dozo, General Secretary, NBCC, Kohima
5. Rev. Karbenson Sangma, General Secretary GBC Tura
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