Correspondence of Rodger Hedlund
MEMO TO:  Attendees (below)

FROM:    Bob Waymire

DATE:    February 25, 1985

SUBJECT:  February 15 meeting, subject: "Reaching the Lombadis (Banjaras) of India"
           (Held in Dr. McGavran's library at the U.S. Center for World Mission,
           Pasadena, California.)

ATTENDANCE:  Dr. Donald McGavran, Dr. & Mrs. John DeVries (Bibles for India--BFI),
              Dr. Gene Davis (American Baptist Bethlehem Church, Lake Oswego, Oregon),
              Dr. Roger Hedlund (India Church Growth Research Center--ICGRC), Mrs. Betty
              Ann Klebe (Secretary to Dr. McGavran), Mr. Bob Waymire (Global Mapping
              Project, Inc.--GMPI).

This memo is an attempt at summarizing the conclusions and action items resulting from
the subject meeting. Mrs. Betty Ann Klebe recorded the entire contents of the meeting
(in shorthand) and that record can be referred to where details and/or clarification
is desired. It is my understanding that there will be a transcript of Mrs. Klebe's
recordings available in the future.

The meeting was called by Gene Davis to take advantage of the DeVries' visit in the
area. Davis' church, Bethlehem of Lake Oswego, Oregon, is heavily involved financially
and in prayer with Bibles for India and the church planting they are carrying out
among the Lombadis (also called Banjara) in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Roger Hedlund, who
has headed up the India Church Growth Research Centre in Madras, now on furlough in
the U.S. was invited to the meeting as there are definite needs for additional re-
search on the Lombadi -- as well as other groups of special interest.

Bob Waymire, of Global Mapping Project, attended as GMPI is constructing a comprehen-
sive global database which, among many other parameters, identifies and statuses the
various peoples of the world, and also is constructing maps (on computer) reflecting
their locations and status. The DeVries play a strategic role in mobilizing resources,
through ministry to churches in the U.S. for the ministries of Bibles For India/Project
Philip being carried out under the leadership of Bill Scott with the India Bible League
(IBL) in Madras, India.

It was an honor and privilege for us to all meet with Dr. McGavran, now 87 years young,
to receive inspiration and instruction from this anointed prophet and precious man
of God. May God grant us wisdom and favor in carrying forth his vision and burden
for seeing India's teeming millions pass from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom
of God's glorious Light!

OBJECTIVES: The following lists the major general objectives which resulted from
the meeting's discussions:

1. Commencing in the very near future there will be initiated a cooperative effort
   on the part of BFI, ICGRC and GMPI for carrying forth research and analysis on
certain peoples and areas of India.
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2. The people group which will be researched first, serving as a model/pilot for further such research/surveys, will be the Lombadis (Banjara), primarily a gypsy people scattered over several states. The research will initiate in Andhra Pradesh.

NOTE: Bethlehem Church is currently (this year) pledging $50,000 toward church planting/schools among the Lombadis in Andhra Pradesh.

3. ICGRC will coordinate/perform much of the field research and will be funded to some extent via funds raised by BFI. Hedlund estimated $150-$200/month/researcher. (This will be discussed further in April when Bill Scott is here.) Research information will be given to BFI and to GMPI for data synthesis, mapping and materials production.

4. GMPI will commence library research on the Lombadis in their total dispersion with emphasis on Andhra Pradesh. They will also begin map preparation/digitizing reflecting the locations and various statuses (occupations, Christianized status, languages/dialects, etc.).

5. Research/surveys accomplished among the Lombadis should identify:

A. The identity and location of the various sub-groups including their languages/dialects (including number of speakers) which would be considered the "heart" language or "mother tongue".

   1. Location would be to the taluk level in Andhra Pradesh, and to the district level in other states -- in phase one of the research.

B. The cultural distinctives of the group/sub-groups, e.g.

   1. Who will they marry or not marry
   2. The role of the woman
   3. Extent of group decisions
   4. Occupations/vocations/avocations/skills
   5. Castes and what groups are considered tribal
   6. Forms of education/training of the young
   7. Diets (including taboos)
   8. What they call themselves/what others call them
   9. Distinctives that provide redemptive analogies
   10. Special social events
   11. Sports/recreation forms
   12. Attitude toward Christians
   13. Attitude toward other religions
   14. Attitude toward foreigners/outsiders
   15. Quality of life
   16. Per capita income
   17. Extended family structure
   18. Family authority structure

C. The religious distinctives of the group/sub-groups, e.g.

   1. Worship practices
   2. Sacrifice practices
   3. View of supreme being
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4. View of Jesus Christ
5. Distinctives providing redemptive analogies

D. Who are becoming Christians, why, where, how, and when?

1. From which sub-groups/castes/occupations
2. Rural and urban
3. Who are in the congregations; who are not?
4. What groups are not being reached? Why?
5. History of Christianity in the group
6. Best methods for reaching: children, professionals, women, etc.
7. Factors of responsiveness; of resistance

E. Which groups/organizations are working among them?

1. Identity
2. When started
3. Ministry descriptions (including media)
4. Goals and plans
5. Languages used
6. Materials used
7. Training methods
8. Methods for starting group Bible studies
9. Methods for starting congregations
10. Number of affiliated congregations
11. Number of active communicant members
12. Number of community
13. Number of missionaries to; from
14. Number of Bible courses
15. Number of Bible studies
16. Special events
17. Translation work
18. Literacy work
19. Literature distribution
20. Factors of growth and non-growth

G. Relief, development, health needs

1. Preventative
2. Restorative

6. GMPI will generate/furnish reports and graphic materials (and/or the technology for their production) reflecting the results of the research to BFI, Bethlehem, ICGRC, et alia. The materials will include color maps/graphs on paper or transparency. The first materials should be available in CY '85. GMPI will also make available, via telephone modem or other means, information on India to ICGRC, BFI, Bethlehem, et alia. Some funding for separate costs of production should be forthcoming from BFI's project. This will be discussed in more detail in April when Bill Scott is here.

GMPI will exercise extreme caution to assure materials of sensitive nature are not made available to the wrong people.
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7. It was suggested that a booklet on the Lombadi/Banjara be published utilizing the chapters entitled "Banjara" in Tribes and Castes of India (Vol. II), and supplementing this with other data. (I was not clear on who would be doing this or whether there was a time frame mentioned.)

8. To facilitate research, data handling and report/mapping/graphics production, ICGRC, BFI, and IBL should obtain IBM (or compatible) computers including at least a 10-mbyte hard disk (for data/map storage). The computers configured to handle graphics, with a good printer would be in the $4,000 range. An ink-jet printer for first class color maps/graphics would be an extra $1,000-1,200.

Having IBM compatible computers would provide for software compatability and the capability of transferring data by mailing disks among the organizations and with GMPI. Having IBM or compatible equipment would also provide for a high probability of parts/service availability and also would result in compatability with the largest assortment of software and hardware peripherals on the market. GMPI can purchase the hardware at considerable discount below "list" prices.

9. Upcoming milestones/meetings:

A. Meeting in Pasadena with Bill Scott -- tentatively set for week of April 15th (16, 17 or 18).

B. Travel to India by Davis, DeVries, Waymire -- July/August of this year.

BW: jb
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3 April, 1985.

Dear Dr. Hedlund,

Thank you for your letter of March 15th., 1985. Thank you for the copy of the letter to John Wheatley and a copy of your letter to Carl F. George of Fuller Institute of Evangelism and Church Growth. and a copy of the letter to Rev. Ponraj.

I noticed your beautiful letter-head. First of all, let me tell you about a few important letters I received on your name in addition to several letters that are not important enough to mention. Moses Jesudas, a graduate of UBS, has invited you for a Church Growth Seminar in Abu Dhabi. I am enclosing herewith a copy of his letter, so that you may reply to him. Devadas of Malaysia, a contemporary of mine, has sent his wedding invitation card. I have replied to him with greetings. I am enclosing his wedding card for your information.

Regarding the proposed film on the life of William Carey, it is interesting. Because of my busy schedule, I am not able to give much time for this project. Nevertheless, I am gathering information about the right person who will help me to understand the implications of making a film. I was told that one Brother Sunderaj of our Mylapore Diocese is a competent person to give information. I am making plans to fix an appointment with him.

I had a blessed time in Bombay with Alliance Ministries. About 18 pastors from Bombay, Pune and Nagpur gathered for a two day seminar. The seminar naturally moved into a session where we sat down with prayer anddependence on God to plan for church growth for the coming five years. Every church has a plan to increase their numbers three times within these five years. They have planned to plant daughter churches all over Bombay. They are planning to have an annual seminar of this kind to evaluate the progress and to plan for the next year. In this connection I feel a great need on our side to work out a follow-up method to continuously encourage the pastors throughout the year.

I have been thinking and praying to project an aim for our ministry in India. I have a goal in my mind. Personally I want to see a church in every people group by 2010 A.D., that is 25 years from now. Can it be the goal for CGRC? Is it a realistic goal? Please give me your opinion.

Hope you would have received the report of the Perambur property done by Rajan. Are the slides of flies your promotional work? In fact, I am not very much interested in the Perambur property for two reasons.
One, Pastor Philip is very avaricious in his demands. According to the evaluation of the property by Rajan, the amount demanded by Pastor Philip is double the actual value of the property. He wants to get more money because he has in his mind that CGRC has accessibility to a great resource. This is what I understood from his talk and attitudes. The second reason is important I believe. I have been taking counsel on the headquarters project. Almost all the Christian leaders in Madras discouraged me to bring all of our staff into a compound. It is the experience of many people that a community life in India is not possible and does not work well. So a better arrangement is to have a complex which will include office, library facilities, lecture hall and dormitory. Some people even came to the point not to have even the directors quarters inside the compound, because of people disturbing him even at odd hours. As I have taken the responsibility at an important period of CGRC, I feel that if the disturbance is for the good of the growth of the organisation, I have to put up with that. But I am thinking not just for me, but for other directors who may succeed me. So at this point I am open for the idea to have the directors quarters inside the compound itself. This arrangement is good, I think, even for purchasing a land. During the last 20 days I have been contacting several brokers to locate a place or land of an extent of 3-5 grounds in Kilpauck or somewhere between Anna Nagar and Kilpauck. But there is a possibility to get land of 1½-2 grounds in this locality. Rajan says that 2 grounds are enough to have the office complex that I have described. I am very particular to buy the land by the end of August so that we can get a good site at a reasonable rate. Since the business people and the Gujarati community are moving down to Madras. Please feel free to share your opinion.

To motivate the people to pray earnestly, I thought of projecting our future structure of the building on a paper. So I have asked Rajan to make a sketch of our future proposed buildings. The estimated cost of the structure, including land value will be about 12 lakhs. As you have shared with me many time, we must have an endowment fund for the maintenance of this building. So as soon as the sketch is ready, I will send you a copy for your approval and to take copies of the sketch for distribution among the friends in the States.

Ebby annan who is staying with me has been talking with me last night about the value of computerising our research department. He says that many organisations can own a huge computer and it can be placed at a central place for the use of various organisations who are willing to contribute a portion of the cost of the computer and for the maintenance of it. He says that the computer can be operated from several ends, that is several offices, with screen and the key board. So even the computer is at a distance away from the office, that can be used from our office. This idea sounds good, but someone should coordinate the interested organisations for this. During the past few days, I have been receiving letters to give one information or the other on various aspects of church in India. Since we do not have anybody as the in-charge of the research department and I am not able to find information. So I believe that in the coming years, there will be many more letters coming to the office to get information. One of the aims of our existence is to fulfill this need. As our files are becoming complex and the process in receiving the information is becoming complex, please talk with a few friends over there to computerise our department as early as possible.
Regarding the Consultation in Hyderabad, the response of the invitees is not very encouraging. Only 8 people out of 22 have responded to our invitation, in spite of our two reminders. I do not know whether this is the practice of the people to attend the Consultation even without prior information about their coming to the Consultation. Everything has been arranged for the stay and the Conference Hall near the SPG Tamil Church. The delegates will be staying in the hotels near the station. So I am preparing the paper on "Where are the worshipping groups in Andhra Pradesh?"

Your copy of the minutes of the meeting held for the Lambadi evangelization is interesting and surprising. Yesterday in Madras I met one of the students of Bethel Bible Institute, Danishpet. He shared with me an interesting news about the Lambadies in Salem. Two families who were attending the meetings held in Danishpet for the families which are receiving help from Bethel Home. They experienced the Lord in a special way and since then they have started witnessing to their own people in Lambadi villages. So now there are 17 people who have taken baptism. I have to check the real reliability of the news given to me. But it seems that there is a great responsiveness among the Lambadies. So I believe this plan is from the Lord and it is time for us to press on with the gospel to reach this tribe. After the Consultation, I will be staying in Hyderabad for 2 or 3 days to make a library study. I have written to the young Lambadi pastor of the Dornakal Diocese to join me at Hyderabad on the 13th morning. After the library study, I will go and stay with this Lambadi pastor in his village and I will be going to important Lambadi villages both Christians and non-Christians. I am going to ask the Bishop of Dornakal to lend the service of this intelligent young Lambady pastor to make a survey about the Lambadies in Andhra Pradesh. You can share this piece of news with Bob Waymire and let me know his idea on this matter.

The book in the press is a real matter which has been frustrating me very much. Now the press people are fast enough to finish the book as early as possible, but Mr. Solomon who has taken up employment in the State Bank Officers Training Institute is very slow in his process. We are not able to find suitable people to read the proof, so the whole matter is being delayed.

I have enclosed a letter from Richard Sturz, one of the CBEMS missionary in South Brazil, asking us to send this book. I have written to him that the book will be ready by the end of this month and as soon as it comes out of the press, I will send it by air-mail to him. So please pray for this matter.

I am very much interested to know about your trip to Africa in the month of January. I believe that your experience in Africa will greatly help the ministry of CGRC for its future plans.

Mr. Ebenezer Sunderaraj has spotted out a house for him in Thirumangalam and he may be moving out of the house by the end of this week or the middle of this month. Krishnan is fine and is helping me a lot. I am going home today afternoon to be with Mano and the children for the important services and for Easter. On Easter day evening I will be leaving my place to Madras and on the 8th. I will be going to Hyderabad for the Consultation. Hope this finds you all in good health. Convey my greetings to Mrs. Hedayath and Lisa.

Yours in Him,

S. Vasantharaj Albert.
Dear Dr. Hedlund,

Thank you very much for your letters of 7th. February, 14th. February, and 15th. March. We felt very sorry over the death of your brother. As the staff we specially remembered you and your family in our prayers.

Mr. Steve Hawthorne of World Christian magazine called on me at the office yesterday. I was busy taking him to meet different leaders and to plan several things for the visit of his team members in the month of September. We are planning to have the preparation of the slides for your promotional work today. He is very helpful in giving me various ideas about taking photographs for the promotional work.

The Urban Survey Project is progressing well. Rev. Ponraj has gone out again on the 8th. to U.P. to collect information on the important cities and he is expected to return at the end of this month. I have almost completed Andhra Pradesh except Warangal, in collecting the information for the Urban Survey Project. I am planning to cover Tamil Nadu and Kerala during the summer months. Raj Kumar is planning to visit Karnataka to collect information on the important cities of Karnataka.

I am very much excited about the interest created in the leaders of the United States for the work among Lambadies. I am very much happy to hear about the news. I am planning to meet Mr. Morris and other leaders of Gypsyie Works Foundation to get information.

Yesterday I went to Connemara Library with Steve Hawthorne to find books on the Banjaras, but I was not able to locate any useful book on the Lambadies. Mrs. Beulah told me today that there is a post-graduate thesis done on the Lambadies in the Osmania University, Hyderabad. I am planning to visit Hyderabad to collect information on the Banjaras after Wheatley’s consultation with the leaders involved in the task of the evangelization of the respectable castes in India. After that consultation, I will continue to stay in Dornakal to make a field research regarding this tribe.

In the last week of February, I received a letter from Wheatley to arrange the meetings from the 10th. - 12th. of April. Because of shortage of time I rushed to Hyderabad and made the necessary arrangements for the Consultation. The local CSI pastor, Rev. Thillagar Dass a graduate of UBS and of Fuller’s Seminary, is very happy to take care of the local arrangements. I explained to him the importance to keep this Consultation in confidence and he agreed to it and he is in full acceptance to the steps that I am laying to evangelize the caste people in Andhra Pradesh. Please pray for this Consultation.
I am enclosing herewith a five year plan for our Centre. I discussed this plan with our staff and they contributed their ideas to finalise this five year plan.

Regarding your book, MISSION TO MAN IN THE BIBLE, the galley proof was completed last week and the page proof has come for correction and Mr. Solomon is doing that. I am very much frustrated to see the slow performance of ELS in producing this book. Joshi's book is going to the press this week because of the illness of Mrs. Beulah and she was not able to give time to edit the manuscript. We are happy to bring out Joshi's book by the end of this month. Regarding feasibility studies, I apologise for the delay. I made several attempts to meet Pastor Philip to get the lay out plan of the property. He was very suspicious in giving out the lay-out plan. Finally I succeeded to get the plan from him on the last Sunday and Mr. Rajan has promised to finish the sketch by tomorrow so that the feasibility study may be sent to you through Steve. We are carrying out your instructions with the help of Steve in producing slide study on the property and on the various activities of the Centre. I am very happy to hear about the Conservative Baptist woman of Southern California coming forward to raise $12,000 for our project. We are praying that God may use your efforts to raise the necessary funds for our Headquarters project.

Your idea to produce a film on the life of William Carey will be an excellent idea. I think India will be the right place to produce that film. I have written to one or two people regarding this and I am going to contact a few important people at Bombay to enquire about the possibilities of producing such a film in India. I will let you know the budget for that kind of film in my next letter.

On the 15th. I am leaving for Bombay to give 3 lectures on the church growth principles at a Bombay Conference arranged by Atul. From Bombay I am planning to visit Pune to spend a day there to finalize the urban survey project there and to meet my beloved professors there.

The only Seminar with Tirunelveli clergy (20 members) was very profitable to me and to the pastors also. I emphasised the possibilities of church growth in Tiruvellai and encouraged them to plan to plant churches in Tiruvellai. Many of them decided to meet with the interested people to plan for the church growth ministry. Bishop Jason was happy about our ministry and hope that he will give more opportunities for us to minister to the clergy in Tirunelvelli after your return back.

We have registered our Society to the Central Government as per the new amendment. Raj Kumar has taken special efforts to fill up the FC3 Form under the guidance of the Auditor and the form has been sent to the Central Government. I believe that you need not be anxious about this.
Thank you very much for recommending my name for the forthcoming Conference for the itinerant evangelists at Amsterdam. We have received 6 copies of I.G. Sunderarajan's book and I have immediately acknowledged by writing a letter to him.

Today morning we went to the Agaram property to take photos of the property. Pastor Philip was very co-operative to us. Steve and Michael used their experience in taking photos. Pastor Philip expects the final word from us by the end of this month so that he can go for other offers if we say no. Rajan still feels that the value of the property is not more than rupees fifteen lakhs. I think it is better to buy the land and construct buildings to suit our needs. I was shown a piece of land of 3.5 grounds in Perambur. Rajan, who has seen the land, feels that the location is not easily approachable to people. The lay out plan of Agram property has been prepared by Rajan and I am sending the same with Steve.

Thank you very much for sending me a new camera. The camera is simple to use compared to the Yashika. Steve is teaching me to use the camera. He is leaving the five colour films with me for my use for the studies on the Lambadies.

Thank you for the letter to the Postmaster, Annanagar, authorising Krishnan and me to receive the registered post.

The staff send their loving greetings to you, Mrs. Hedlund, Carl and Lisa.

With love and prayers.

Yours in Him,

P.S. - Thanks a lot for the chocolates.

S. Vasantharaj Albert.
17.4.85 meeting all Emerg Publcy, Global Mapping

Prayers

Minutes read (7 Feb 75 mtg) 4 discussed.

Q: What has to happen to reach India for Christ?
A: recognize the pieces

Identity - which are 

leaving together?

diff - today from 5 yrs ago

U.P. tremendous progress today 17th

will now during. another 15 yrs.

need accurate info. (specific)

Bangali - which segments responsible to whom?

[need teams] special study to find out

Bangali = p'ly. name - Landgadi "Son"

named Thakur will; Bangali needs

[language & identity]

3 million Bangalis in Bangladesh. Trust area

(arm. P.R.O. field) = already surveyed!! (by

young L. pastor!!)

Ph.D. at Osmania by Bangali woman = new breakthrough

BD Trust wants to locate all Bangalis in India

Plan & strategy - for mission in A.P. beyond

[literacy, set up churches aim: move

from village to city] 4 areas: a mission

Missy. 1, 2 & district. 10 teachers under

each Evangelist = using 7 BL (mittals)

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OF ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
- missions travel twice in 2 yrs -
  (no complaints - build !) - live as
  provided by people (must have
  cell or God).

GMH - make available & raise $ standards,
  collecting

- 1st: need to know D x E (was morning of)

- 2nd: then find & other info. (A, B, C)

B: Dsushi in 1/2 yrs; from no known Chu in area.
Now D & two other of ca. 50-60 families total (ca. 40)

plus others in other villages (200 potential Chu).

Opposition from capitols & terorale. We aim

Denggo Lang. (sees churches)

Budget: John Valley starts Rs 70,000. Operating expenses

plus Rs 10,000 Capital (med. equip., etc.)

= total Rs 50,000 of expenses.

Plan: Christian total community, teach true concepts,

stress self-sufficiency takes identify with Church,

reach out beyond - Bred to know real Bible

find in Word & in deed.

School: "Cgan=evangelism school" = 1 yr (20 max.)

Supported students (carefully selected); approx.

20 students - wanted to get quality to reach 100 times;

= 3 periods of class (4 yrs total): Bible, every

1st. materials

= details of village (sent survey by students.)
Also:

- Yanadis - another people in So. Africa
  - M. Nellor - 1 million?
- Help suggest to form a similar mission
  - a caste "Kumal" animists (no temples)
    - violent & shy! worship extra / devotional

- Correct name. M. Nellor: approached a pastor:
  - b': pastor rests into village! (an
    influential person, "ed'2")
  - Welcomed!! response = baptism

- stories supernatural events (including
  scriptural events - see no Bible!)

Am BAPS ready to move into tall Yanadi
comunty as well as the tall
Bangala people!!

computer? BF to use computer space for addressing
(not for research)

Fund-raising? (how?) - give facts

Gotten info. from Müller we are! (also peoples needs)
  - used facts
  - used!!
Next step: IBL to follow thru in awhile, to set up data bank for IBL.

Way to India (2 weeks)
Village Survey Questions per Dr. Mac 5/24/85

1. What people here have become Christians? (also identify how they became XNs)

2. (Lombadi's) A. How many Lombadi's are in this village? 
B. What villages have Lombadi's? How far away are they? 
C. How many have become Christians? How? When? By who? 
D. Are you expecting the rest to become Christians?

3. What village does your wife come from? (That's where the Gospel can spread to-a natural bridge)

4. Are you expecting the Christian faith to spread to that village? If not, why not?

5. How many of you are able to read the Bible? How many own a Bible? What language is it? Where did you get it? How long ago?

6. How many meetings do you have every week for Christians? Do you sing, pray, hear Bible stories? Do only Christians attend?

7. Do many non-Christians attend any meetings? Which ones? When? Who are they? (caste)

8. Will forward caste people come to your church? Which ones?

9. Do you memorize the apostles' creed, the ten commandments, Lord's prayer?? Do you recite them regularly? (Note: if they can't read, or don't a Bible this is a crucial question)

10. What effective evangelism are you doing? Who does it, the pastor, or the people?

11. Are the laymen taught about witnessing? Are they sent out regularly?

12. How many new village do you expect to reach?

13. Are the people in this district friendly or hostile to the Gospel?

14. Who will the people marry? Who won't they marry?

15. Will people play sports together? Who?

16. Will the non-XN Lombadi's eat with the XN Lombadi's? (Key-if they won't eat, then they are NOT becoming Christians very fast if at all)

17. Is there much opposition from within? What castes? What is type of persecution/opposition?

18. Is there any training for new leaders? (do you intend to multiply churches?)
June 4, 1985

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Dear Bill,

Warm greetings in Jesus' precious Name! How good it was . . .

. . . to meet with you here in Pasadena recently. Our hearts were warmed as you shared the many wonderful things that God is doing in India. I am looking forward very much to the time I'll be spending, along with Gene Davis, in India. My last visit was in June of 1980 for the AIPC, and I enjoyed the good fellowship with you and your wife (who got me settled into the hospital for amoeba treatment -- the little creatures which I think I brought in with me from Pakistan).

I would like to mention several items:

1. I am currently scheduled to arrive Delhi, meeting up with Gene on the 21st of July (at the unheavenly hour of 12:45 a.m.). We will want to spend the 22nd and part of the 23rd there if possible to:
   a) obtain census information and maps,
   b) make leadership or other contacts you think strategic regarding insights and/or information pertaining to reaching India. Contact with organizational leaders of groups carrying out viable church planting and/or evangelism would be a priority.

2. Our plans still have us arriving Madras on the 23rd (possibly AM of 24th, depending on flights/meetings/etc.) In evaluating with Dr. McGavran and Dr. Roger Hedlund, the village research monitoring/effort among the Lombadi/Bonjara we feel that we should possibly extend our time in that region by one or two days. It is possible that Brother S. Vasantharaj (Director of ICGRC) will be able to accompany or meet us there as he has been doing research in that specific area among the Lombadi. Of course his speaking Telegu would be a definite asset. Dr. McGavran suggested we rent a jeep for our visits to the villages, and has laid out a village survey we would like to test and then see implemented if appropriate. The idea of the jeep would give us flexibility and mobility.

3. This represents one of the more significant purposes of my visit to India. Others pertain to: a) how we can assist the Church and Missions in India in the area of obtaining and maintaining an accurate picture of themselves and their contexts, and b) monitoring/observing successful methodologies of evangelism, church planting, community development that might be applied/reproduced in other contexts, c) gathering various data and maps.

If the scheduling gets too awkward we could give up the visit to the Yanadis, I guess. Spending a minimum of a business day in Hyderabad would still be a priority -- for census, map and other key contacts.
4. In our discussions here, you mentioned you could arrange a meeting with Patrick Joshua, FMPB. This would be most beneficial if it can work out.

5. It turns out that I will have to depart Bombay for Logos, Nigeria (skipping Cypress -- if referring to the preliminary schedule we made 18th of April) on August 10. I have to arrive at Jos, Nigeria on the morning of the 11th for a conference there. Gene is, tentatively anyway, planning on leaving at the same time also going to Lagos, from where he will go to Central African Republic to visit his daughter.

Well, Bill, that's about all I can think of for now. I really appreciate your willingness to help in arrangements and all. I think this partnership plan working with churches in the U.S. has great potential for the "churching" of India. We want to assist in other ways as well.

Would appreciate hearing from you prior to July 11 when I leave the States for the Philippines and Singapore. We have submitted our visa applications.

In Christ's Bond, for an Indian Harvest,

Bob Waymire

BW: jb

cc: Dr. Gene Davis
    Dr. Donald McGavran
    Dr. Roger Hedlund
    Rev. S. Vasantharaj
June 6, 1985

Rev. S. Vasantharaj, Director
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Dear Brother Vasantharaj,

Warm greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing at the suggestion of Roger Hedlund. I will be coming to Madras this July along with a friend, Dr. Gene Davis. During our time in India we are vitally interested in visiting the Lombadi people in Andhra Pradesh where Dr. Davis' church in Oregon is sponsoring some work in cooperation with the India Bible League and Mr. Bill Scott. Additionally, I am keenly interested in the work being carried on by you and the Church Growth Research Centre. I have had a close association with Roger Hedlund, Dr. Donald McGavran, Jim Montgomery and Overseas Crusades in their relation to the Centre.

I am involved with the Global Mapping Project, which is involved in global research and strategy. We are personally interested in India and how we can assist in carrying forth effective research and church multiplication in that vast country. We have been developing a comprehensive database and mapping scheme, and a lot of our attention is focused on India. One reason for this is the constant contact with Dr. Donald McGavran. I was in Madras in June 1981 for the All India Pastors Conference (AIPC) along with my colleagues Jim Montgomery, Ed Murphy, and Tom Chandler. Perhaps you have met one or more of these men.

I believe Roger has already written to you regarding the interest shown here regarding the Lombadi/Banjara people. He informs us that you speak Telegu and have actually done some research in this area. He also states that you normally have a fairly full schedule. We have tentative plans to go to Hyderabad around the 29th of July for a six-day period, and are wondering if it would be possible for you to accompany us. We want to spend three or four days in the villages doing some research that Dr. McGavran has urged us to do and has outlined some survey questions.

A tentative schedule was laid out when Bill Scott was here in California a month or two ago. India Bible League has experienced quite a responsiveness in an area lying south of Hyderabad, the way I understand it. Brother Scott is doing some coordination work concerning our visit, and if you could make contact with him he could relate to you how the exact schedule is maturing. I have mailed you a copy of a letter I wrote to Bill discussing some items in the schedule, which you have probably received by now.

Here at Global Mapping Project we are attempting to construct a comprehensive picture of India regarding the distribution and status of the various language groups and socio-cultural groupings as well. This is a huge task considering the size and complexity of India; but is made worse on our end due to lack of access to information...
sources. We are computerizing maps of every state and district of India reflecting various identity and status information, i.e. distribution of castes and tribes and their Christianized status including church growth history and factors. We have a comprehensive database established which can be integrated with the maps to produce "intelligent" maps. Someday we want to furnish all this technology and information to the India Church, especially to the ICGRC. Within two years we will have the technology applications ready.

So we are looking for information/maps and sources. We are keenly interested in maps that reflect ethnographic information, and any information that will assist in describing the real social mosaic of India. Currently we are analyzing the 1931 census data.

I certainly am looking forward to meeting with you. If you are unable to make the journey with us to Andhra Pradesh, hopefully we will be able to spend some time visiting in Madras.

I would appreciate hearing from you prior to my leaving the States on 13th of July.

In Christ's Bond,

Bob Waymire
General Director

BW:jb

cc: Dr. Roger Hedlund
    Rev. Bill Scott
    Dr. Gene Davis
Waynmore - 30.8.85

   Planned trip to Vasantpura - village in village. (Meeting place)
   - asked permission. Pr. L and Pr. M - asked 
   - affad 
   - Pr. Y - not needed by
   - elders of practice! (Kumnam)

2. Talk to Shindage Sr. re IMA research centre (as per Bruce Graham's instructions)
3. IMS station, institution (200+ students). 2 km from
   4. Village - 2 km. Happen [did not see]
   - later visited. During, not to his family.
   - actually, no new converted, no outreach

4. Vasantpura = Bports, Bungir, English School

5. Fander - K.M. John well-known [An appartment]
   - B.S. Minor Service Area [top quality]
   - entire B.S. [not]

6. Village by village survey


8. Hyderabad Press, now has 11 churches.

2. IMA wants a full-time NIVOLI worker.
   - Planning to buy an IBM computer
   - worth it. 3-4 district. Model selected.
   - different types [Local, tells, etc.]
   - 8 to every district in India.
True or False?
1. ___ India has the largest urban population in the world.
2. ___ A majority of India's population live in rural villages.
3. ___ Tamil Nadu is a state in South India.
4. ___ Nagaland is a state in North East India.
5. ___ Christianity is the fastest growing religion in India.

Choose the Correct Answer:
6. India is (a) a Communist country, (b) a dictatorship, (c) a democracy.
7. The present ruler of India is (a) a movie star, (b) Rajiv Gandhi, (c) Prime Minister Nehru.
8. The capital of India is at (a) New Delhi, (b) Bombay, (c) Calcutta.
9. Indian currency is the (a) Dollar, (b) Peso, (c) Rupee, (d) Lire.
10. Most of the people in Nagaland are (a) Hindus, (b) Muslims, (c) Baptists.

Fill in the Blank:
11. India has _______ cities of over 100,000 population.
12. The national language of India is ____________________.
13. The Church Growth Research Centre is located in the city of _________________.
14. The language of Tamil Nadu is ____________________.
15. ____________________ is the majority religion in India.

Mix and Match:
16. ___ The holy city of the Sikhs A. Kerala
17. ___ A favorite Hindu Scripture B. Bible
18. ___ A Hindu Deity C. Amritsar
19. ___ State with a large Christian population D. Gita
20. ___ Scripture found in every major language E. Krishna

Your Opinion:
21. Baptists in India are(a) a tiny minority, (b) the second largest Protestant denomination, (c) more than in any other country outside North America, (d) all of the above.
22. Religious freedom in India (a) is guaranteed by the Constitution, (b) is sometimes violated by religious extremists and local politicians, (c) gives opportunity to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, (d) all of the above, (e) none of the above.
23. Poverty in India is (a) non-existent, (b) in process of eradication, (c) the result of many factors.
24. The greatest force for change in India is (a) the Congress Party, (b) Communism, (c) Industrialization, (d) the Gospel of Christ.
25. The best thing I can do for India is (a) Pray, (b) Send money, (c) Agitate (for/against: ___________________), (d) Other: ___________________.

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