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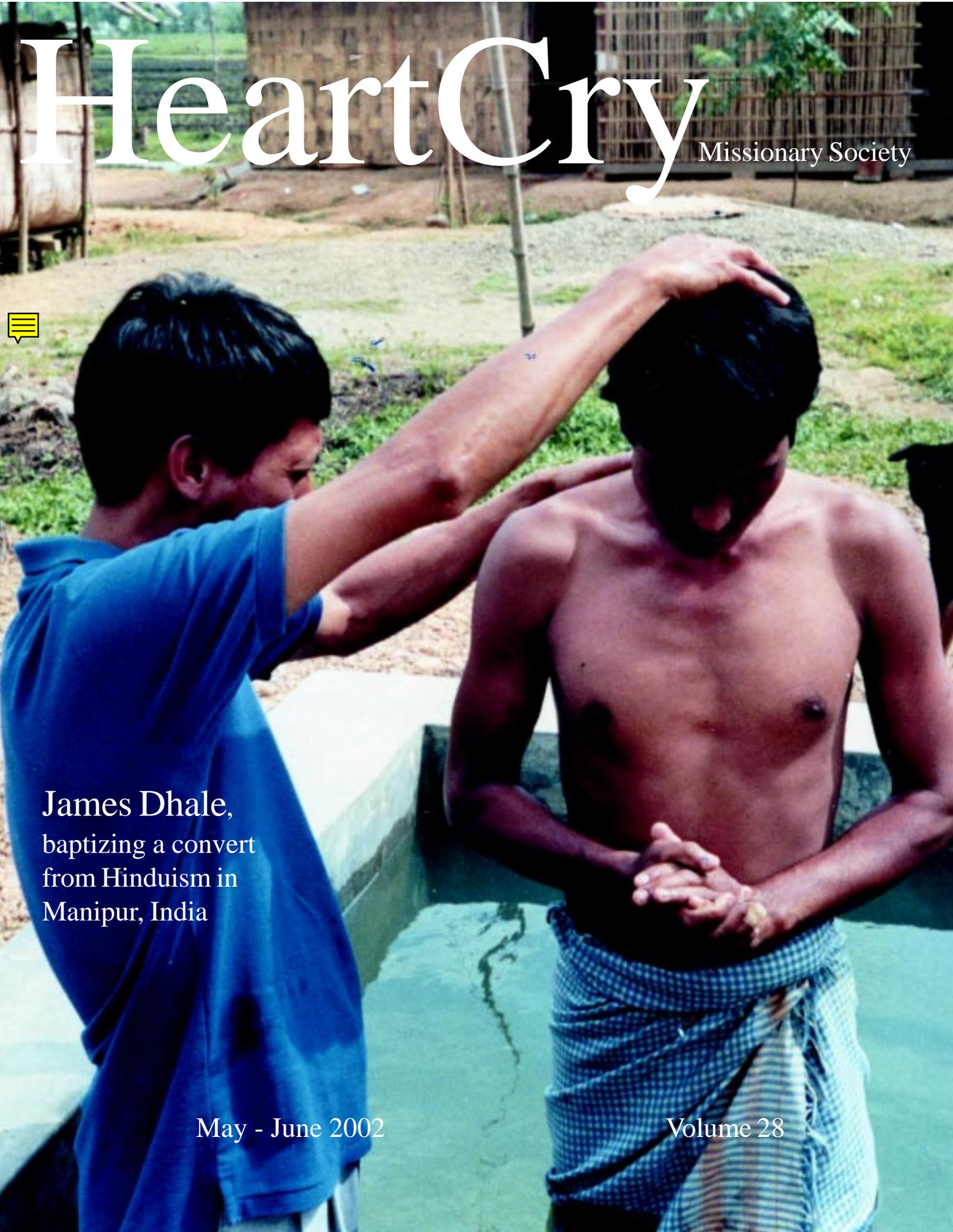
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James Dhale,
baptizing a convert
from Hinduism in
Manipur, India

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*That His Name be Great
Among the Nations...*

Our Purpose & Passion

“For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My Name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My Name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My Name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts.” - Malachi 1:11

The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that His Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11). We find our great purpose and constant motivation, not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory and our God-given desire to see Him glorified in every nation, tribe, people and language.

Although HeartCry recognizes the great importance of sending missionaries from the West to the unevangelized peoples throughout the world, we believe that we are led of the Lord to support native or national missionaries so that they may evangelize their own peoples. Therefore, we seek to work with godly men and women of integrity and vision in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant Churches among their own peoples.

Our Principles

* While we recognize that the needs of mankind are many and his sufferings are diverse, we believe that they all spring from a common origin - the fall of man and the corruption of his own heart. Therefore, we believe that the greatest benefit to mankind can be accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of churches

that preach the Word of God and minister according to its commands, precepts, and wisdom.

- * Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer. We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks which the Lord has laid on our heart to do, but we may not raise support through prodding or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord, then He will be our Patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed.
- * We intend to never enlarge our field of labor by contracting debts. This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer, God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.
- * We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies, but use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.
- * In meeting any need, those of us who are supported financially by this ministry will be the first to sacrifice all things necessary for the advancement of His Kingdom.
- * We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given, Bibles distributed or national missionaries supported, but by the Lord's blessing on the work.
- * Our Goal is not to enlarge ourselves, or to become a key figure in the Great Commission, but to be faithful and obedient stewards by the grace that is given to us. That men may see our weakness and glorify God for His strength; that they may see our inability and glorify God for His faithfulness.



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A Call from India

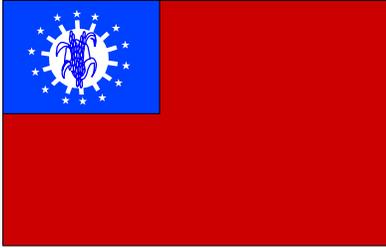
- 6 ***From the Director:*** What we can learn from the indigenous missionaries who suffer so many things for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
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- 22 ***A Day in the Life of James and Komuni Dhale:*** A brief description of their purpose and work. Because of their inaccessibility, our information about their ministry is never as complete as we would like. We therefore decided to publish one of their periodic newsletters so that you might catch a glimpse of a day in the life of these two dedicated missionaries and the men and women who work with them.

*Hallowed be Your Name!
Your Kingdom Come!
Your Will be Done!*

Where In The World is HeartCry?

HeartCry is currently supporting seventy-two indigenous missionaries in thirteen countries on four continents.

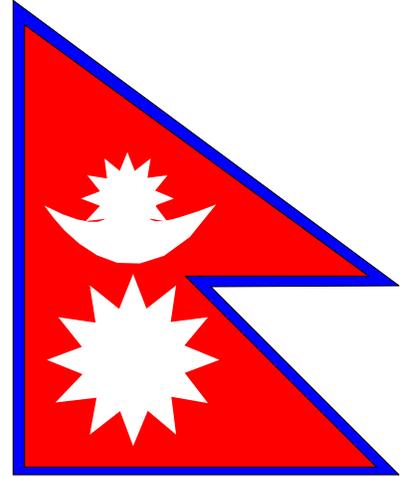
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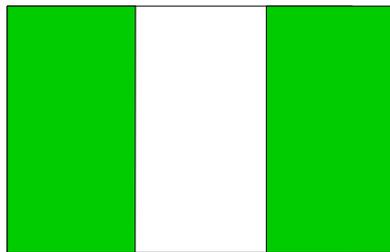


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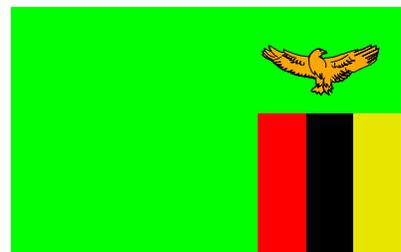
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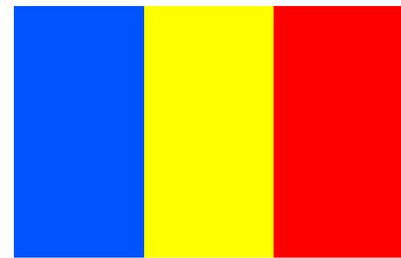
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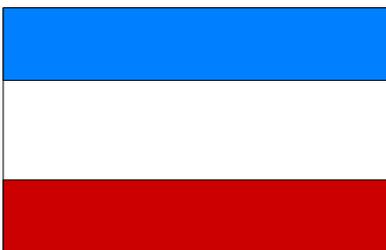
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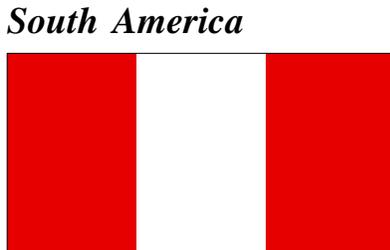
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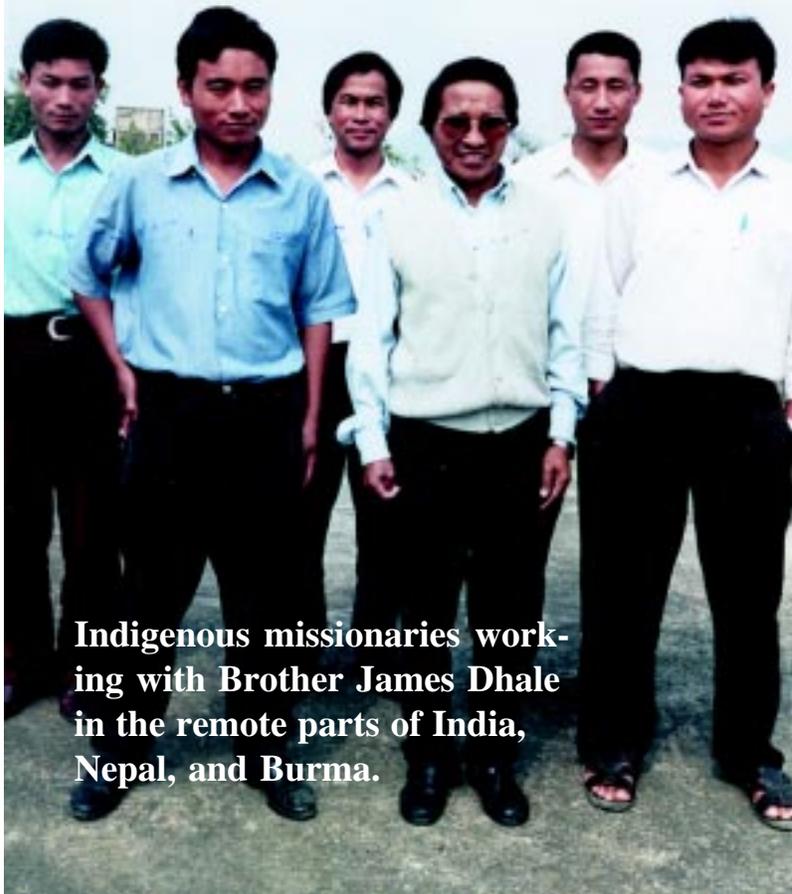


Israel

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

From the Director



Indigenous missionaries working with Brother James Dhale in the remote parts of India, Nepal, and Burma.

Dear Friends

The picture above speaks volumes to me. In fact, it is what the HeartCry Missionary Society is all about. Six unknown preachers laboring in obscurity and poverty in some remote part of the world that very few people could even find on a map. What can we learn from them? Take a good long look at each and every one of them, study their faces, consider their lives for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The first thing we learn from these men is that God's work is perfected in weakness. Look at these men! There is not a strong one or a great one among them. They were never privileged to attend the world's great universities or seminaries. Their libraries are sparse - a Bible and maybe a concordance. They have no political power. In fact, the government does all within its power to restrain them. Economically, they are destitute. Your child's monthly allowance outweighs their monthly sal-

ary. Culturally, they are outcasts. They are despised, mocked, and hounded. They are the scum of the earth, not worthy to be alive. And yet within these earthen vessels is found the glorious treasure of the Gospel, and through their simple preaching is revealed the power of God. God has made them competent, He watches over their steps, and He answers their prayers. This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

Seeing their weakness and God's power, we must ask ourselves, "Have we become too strong to be usable to God?" Here in the West, the circumstances of our lives lead us to independence and develop in us a spirit of self-sufficiency. The strength of God always comes in proportion to our weakness, and His help always comes to the degree that we recognize our need. My dear Christian, we cannot breathe apart from God's life, we cannot turn from the least of all sins apart from His grace, how is it then that we think we can "do something for God"? Our independent

and self-sufficient culture has crept into the Church and deceived us. The Scriptures tell us that God is not served by human hands. He has no need. What could we do for Him? We were not saved to serve. We are not called to do things for God. We have been granted the privilege of being instruments of His grace, but only to the degree that we acknowledge our absolute weakness and total inability!

When will we learn that there has never been a great man or woman of God, but only been weak, feeble, sinful, faithless men of a Greater and Merciful God. Choose any of the heroes of the faith and flaws will not be hard to find. Noah fell to drunkenness, Abraham lied and put the safety of his wife in jeopardy. Moses struck the rock apart from God's command. David committed adultery, lied, and plotted to take another man's life. The list goes on and on, though it does not have to go far to demonstrate that even men and women who are used greatly, are not great, but God is great

Pastors and missionaries in India, rejoicing over a gift of the Strong's Concordance and the Matthew Henry Commentary. Other than the Bible, these are probably their only ministry tools



and good!

The second thing we learn is that God's work is perfected in smallness. These are not men of great stature or presence. They have no special gifts that can be used as a "drawing card." They are not great athletes with muscles to show, or wealthy business men who gave up promising careers to help Jesus. They are nothing more, and nothing less than sinners who have been saved by grace. They are little men with little ministries who do little things with their little means. And yet they are the very instruments of God to bring forth His work in the world. For God is faithful to multiply their few loaves and fishes into a meal for a multitude. As one wise preacher once said, "Some of the greatest sermons that have ever been preached have been preached to four people." This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

Are we too large to be used of God? The church in the West often does big things in a big way, but with very small eternal results. We have big preachers and big celebrities within the Church. Evangelists advertise their ministries by publicizing their past results as a guarantee that they can make the same thing happen in every church. But even those who do the largest campaigns in the world have acknowledged that they would be satisfied if even the smallest fraction of the harvest was genuine. We make big buildings as though the size of a building had the power to increase the

size of God's Kingdom. We do big promotions as though God's Kingdom could be advanced through the strategies of Wall Street and Disneyland. We offer big entertainment and turn the Church into a Six Flags over Jesus!

The third thing we learn is that God's work is perfected in obscurity. The world does not even know that these six missionaries exist. Even the vast majority of the Church does not know these men. How could they? They have never preached on television, never written an award winning Christian book, and will never appear at the Dove Awards (God help them if they should). If tomorrow they were martyred for their faith, there would be no headlines, no story, no national day of mourning. They would probably not even receive a proper burial. To the world, they are obscure men, unknown and unimportant, but to God they are His sons. He knows them by name, and watches over their every step with the keenest interest, the deepest love, and the greatest of care. He would stop the world for them, He *will stop* the world for them. This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

Are we willing to work in obscurity our entire lives that the Kingdom of God might prevail and the Name of Christ be glorified? Notice, that I added the important phrase, "Our entire lives." We would all be willing to work in obscurity for a while, even a great while, if we knew that it would eventually lead to exaltation, but that is not the question. Would we

be willing to work and die in total obscurity for the cause of Christ? Christianity in the West has gotten totally out of hand in this. Notoriety has become the sign that a man or woman is being used of God or that the hand of God is upon their life. A big church or a well known ministry has become the indisputable evidence that someone is well thought of and well known in the courts of God. This is totally foreign to Scripture. According to God's Word, the sign of a man of God is not the size of his Church, but the degree of his conformity to the person of Jesus Christ. Heaven does not know men through their ministry advertisements or the latest denominational report, but through their secret praying and their lonesome dwelling in the courts of God.

The fourth thing that we learn from these men is that God's work is perfected in and through those who are despised. Even among their own people, these "preachers" are nothing more than insignificant annoyances -an embarrassment to the greater part of civilized people. After all, what do they contribute to society? They do not produce "goods." They do not farm. They do not teach in the universities. They are not doctors who save lives or scientists who make new discoveries beneficial to society. In fact, street cleaners and garbage collectors make a greater contribution to society than they do.

But to God, they are the very salt of the earth. They are the glue that holds everything together. They are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that shines the only true light to those who are in darkness. They do not farm, but they bear fruit, they do not teach in the universities, but they are the wisest among men and bearers of the greatest knowledge the world has ever known. They are not doctors who save lives for a season, but they are fountains through which eternal life is given to all who drink. This is so ordered that God might get for Himself the greater glory.

In one of the sequels to "Rocky", the fighter's trainer tells him, "Rock, the worse thing that could ever happen to a fighter has happened to you. You got civilized!" Have we become too civilized to be used of God? We are so careful to not be offensive, we go out of our way to not appear fanatic, we conform to every aspect of our society in order to "fit in" and "be relevant." When will we learn that Christians will never be relevant to the world because they are like the world, but because they are completely different than the world? When will we learn that the true Gospel of Jesus Christ is

offensive to a sinful world, and that it is the offense that gives it its power. The world boasts in its knowledge, but the Gospel declares its ignorance. The world boasts in its self-sufficiency, but the Gospel declares its weakness. The world sees itself as righteous, but the Gospel declares it to be depraved, exceedingly wicked and worthy of all condemnation. When the Gospel we preach is no longer scandalous, when it no longer offends, when it no longer creates enemies, it no longer has the power to save! When the Church's way of life brings no disdain from a world that hates God, it is no longer relevant!

There is much that we can learn about the work of God from these men, but there is also much that can and should be applied to our lives. The first application is that we should be careful to live for the glory of God. The glory of God refers to His infinite worth. We are called to recognize His worth above all things and live for Him with every beat of our heart, every thought of our mind, every measure of our strength

and every fiber of our being. The men in our picture are quite aware of something we so easily forget. They have nothing in which to glory apart from God. Unlike us, they have no stately homes, no cars, no designer clothes, no jewelry, no titles, degrees or reputations. They are forced to one conclusion - they have

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nothing but God.

Is it wrong for the Christian to prosper, or to seek an education? Is it wrong to seek the growth of our church and ministry? By no means! Would to God that every pastor had a Ph.D. and every church an attendance of 5,000, but we must do all biblically, and always with the full realization that God is our only glory, our only strength, our only wisdom, and our only hope. If we are able to write a book about what we did to have a great church or ministry, it was probably not a work of God. If when asked of our "success" we can only put down our head and respond that God is a faithful and gracious God, then there might be something of God in the whole thing.

The second application is that we should live for the glory of the cross. The Apostle Paul wrote, "May it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). What could motivate these six little preachers to defy culture, governments, armies, and any number of enemies stronger than themselves to do a task that pays nothing and is respected by only a few? It could only



Romesh Kumar is a Hindu convert in the country of India. When he finishes his training, he will work as an evangelist traveling through the remote areas of India and preaching the Gospel to those who have not heard.

be the glorious cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In that old rugged cross is our only hope of salvation. It is there that our sin was put away. Christ carried our iniquities and was crushed under the awful, but just wrath of Almighty God. In our place He hung to be abandoned by God and to drink down an almost infinite degree of divine punishment so that the justice of God might be satisfied and sinners might be reconciled to the One whom they have offended.

“Christ died for our sins.” Do we need a greater motivation than this? Could a greater motivation ever be found? Of course not! This one thing should be the governing force in all that we are and do. Christ died for us and we who have been ransomed should live for His glory. As the Apostle Paul writes, “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (I Corinthians 10:30), and again, “He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their

behalf” (II Corinthians 5:15). We have not been ransomed by futile and worldly things like gold and silver, and therefore we should not live for them. But we have been ransomed by the blood of a spotless Lamb, even the Son of God, therefore love Him, serve Him, and live for Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength!

The third application is that we should live for the work of the Kingdom. What a great, indescribable privilege is ours. We have been made ambassadors of Christ, we have been called to enter into his labors, and gather a harvest where we have not sown. Will we despise our calling and take our hand from the plow? Will we deny the One who bought us and live for ourselves? May it never be! How many live without any purpose? How many more live their lives for purposes that are not worthy of a man? How many Christians live their lives for purposes that are not worthy of a child of God? We are not called to amass wealth or fame. We are not called to seek comfort and security. It is not appropriate that we spend our days in front of a television watching other people live fictitious lives. It is not appropriate for us to be consumed by hobbies or to lust for more and more entertainment. We are the most privileged people on the face of the earth! We are sons of the living God, ambassadors for Christ. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, we have been called out of darkness into God’s marvellous light. We have been given the indescribable privilege of proclaiming the excellencies of God, of His Christ, and of His Gospel. Will we trade such glory for the mundane, tragic, and even pathetic life of the world?

The men in our picture have not renounced their calling even in the face of severe trials and difficulties that are all but unknown to us. Therefore, we are without excuse. Let us join them in their labors. Let us work till Jesus comes and then we’ll be gathered home. It is acknowledged by all that not all are called to be missionaries on the foreign field, but all are called to either go and preach, or stay and support prayerfully and financially. You and I are either called to go down into the well, or we are called to hold the rope for those who have gone down. These men in our picture have gone down into the well, and they ask for so little that they might accomplish their monumental task. It is almost unbelievable that an indigenous missionary oftentimes requires less than one hundred dollars a month to live and minister in places where foreign missionaries do not even have access. We have so much and do so little, but we could do so much with very little if we would only catch the vision of being an important part of the Great Commission. Can you

think of anything more important than the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations, to the people groups that have never heard? You can think of nothing more important, because there simply is nothing more important. All other tasks of this life seem to fade to nothing in light of this great thing which we are called to do.

The fourth application is that we should live for eternity. Our life is like a vapor, our days are fleeting, the day of our birth marks the day we begin to die. This world and all its glory is passing away. Jesus declared to us, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and yet lose his soul and what will a man give in exchange for his soul." Is it wise to invest all our talent, energy, and resources on that which will not remain? Are we so foolish that we would live for a fallen, broken world that is passing away and not for the eternal glories that are promised? There are countless Christians down through the centuries of the Church who have turned their backs on this world and looked forward to the coming of Immanuel's land. They have lost everything and suffered the greatest of hardships because they believed that God's Word is true. Will you stand with them on that day? Will you feel comfortable in their presence? More importantly, will you stand before God on that day? Will you feel comfortable in His presence? Oh dear friends, the privilege is ours. Let us give ourselves to the work of God, let us set our eyes on the harvest

fields. Let us work while there is still light for the night is coming when no man will work.

The fifth application is that we should live for "the Day". The day I am referring to is that "Great Day" when all men shall stand before God. The true Church of Jesus Christ abounds with scholars, warriors, martyrs, and faithful workers. Men and women who have both lived and died that the Great Commission might be completed and the Glory of God might fill the earth. Where will you and I stand among this sanctified group? Do not be deceived, the true church is not as unsanctified as you think. We look around at the so called "church" and see many who are no different than the unbelieving world. We compare ourselves to them and think that as Christians go we are doing all right. Beware! The field is sown with tares. The names that can be found on the mem-

bership roles of most church cannot be found in the Book of Life. The Church in America is mostly filled with the unregenerated lost who are kept, not by the power of God, but by a preacher's personality and talents, or by a countless number of activities - everything from day care to seminars on financial growth. They know not God, they love not the Gospel, they are under a curse!

The members of the true church of Jesus Christ are not sinless, but they are "being" sanctified. They have been made alive through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, they have been converted by heart-rendering repentance and desperate faith in Christ. They have become "new creatures." God has taken from them their hearts of stone and replaced them with hearts of living flesh that willingly respond to His stimuli. They are no longer "bent" towards the things of this world, but are given to the things of God. The Word is not only sweet, but necessary to them. They abide in the Word and are truly Christ's disciples. The Holy Spirit is Lord over

them and leads them as "sons of God." They are sensitive to His joy and are fully aware when they have grieved Him. They know what it is like to forsake the world and walk in paths of righteousness, and they have known the "prompt" and loving discipline of the Father when they have strayed. They are concerned about the work of God in the world and give themselves to it with an honest devotion. They love the

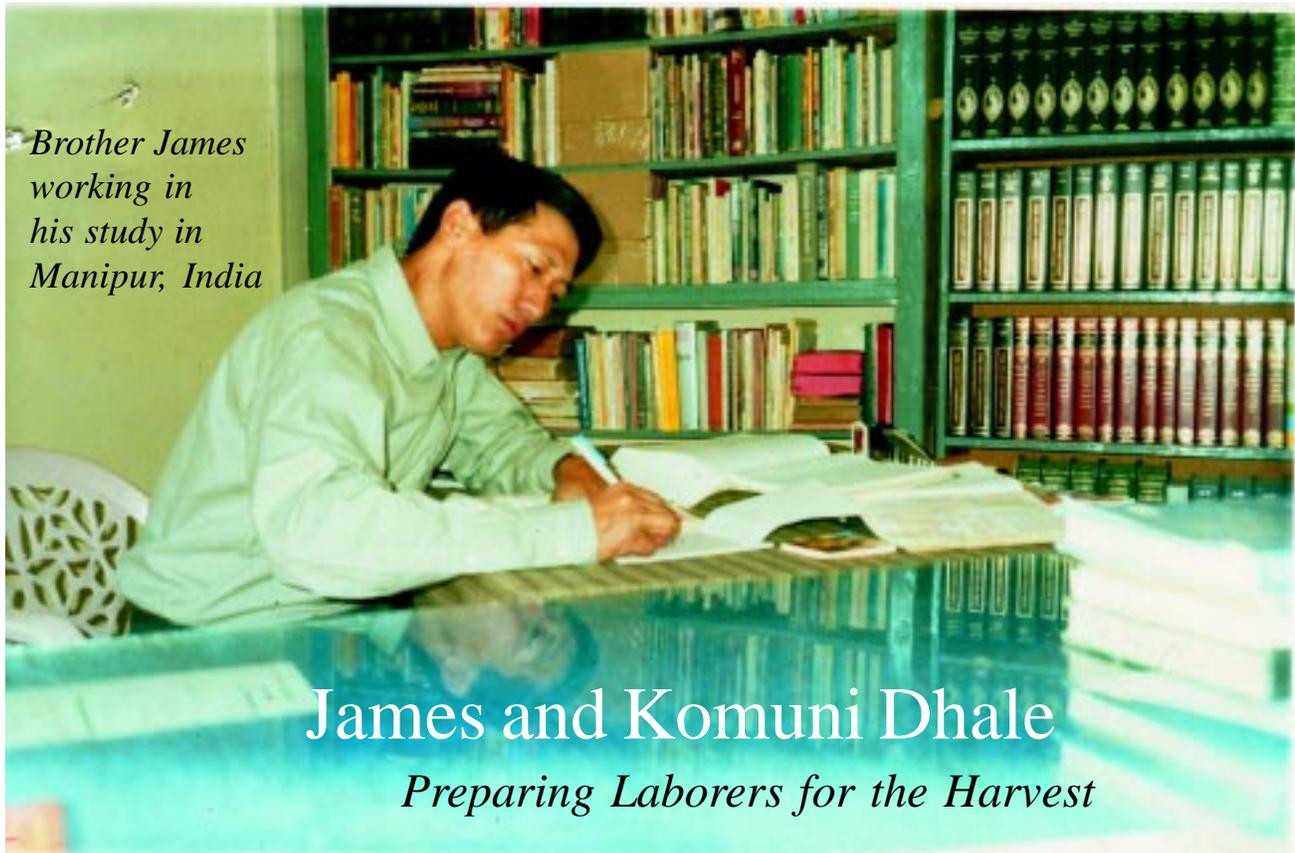
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brethren, they honor the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. They have a deep respect and reverence for the martyrs, they weep over those persecuted for Christ's sake, and they count it a privilege to sacrificially support those who have gone forth into the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the true Church.

In this great gathering of the sanctified, where do you stand? Can your name be found among them? Are you a "professor of Christ" or a "disciple of Christ?" Would you be ashamed to stand among this group on judgment day? Will you hear, "Come! Enter into the joy of your Master," or "Depart from Me! I never knew you!"

Your brother,

Paul David Washer



*Brother James
working in
his study in
Manipur, India*

James and Komuni Dhale

Preparing Laborers for the Harvest

James Dhale

HeartCry was introduced to the ministry of James and Komuni Dhale at the beginning of 2001. Since then we have been supporting five national missionaries who are trained and supervised through their ministry. These missionaries work in India, Burma, and Nepal. The following is from Brother Dhale:

I was born and raised in a first generation Christian family. Our forefathers, of Sino-Tibetan origin, were headhunters. My father was a very strict Baptist pastor and under his authority, I performed many outward religious obligations. I attended Sunday school and even preached on occasion, but my inner self was contrary to the Gospel. My works were designed to please my father and the Church.

I praise God that I did not remain in such a state of spiritual darkness, but the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sinful heart and opened my eyes to my helpless, wretched and shameful state. I realized that neither I, nor my father, nor my good works could save me. God alone must save! I publicly confessed my sins and received the ordinance of water baptism on December 29, 1969. I was 17.

After my conversion, the Lord led me in a way that changed my life forever. By His providence, I and two other young men received a full scholarship to the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. I was nervous about leaving the jungles of North East India to go to America, and when I arrived on campus, I had only \$3 in my hand. Through it all, the Lord was with me, and taught me many truths that

greatly changed my life and ministry. Today I continue teaching these same things. I uphold God's Word as the final authority in all things and I believe in His power that continues to change the lives of men just as it has through the ages. I continue on by God's grace and for His glory.

In 1983, I returned to my country and began work among my people. I worked as a missionary-at-large for the Manipur Baptist Convention from 1984 to 1990. In 1991, I served as the senior pastor for the church at the headquarters of the Manipur Baptist Convention. This was considered to be the most important and influential Baptist Church in Manipur. In 1995, I resigned from my position because of the conventions move towards liberalism with regard to the doctrine of salvation through grace, church autonomy, and women's ordination for the ministry.

In 1996, I began preparations for a new ministry, and in 1998, we established an independent Baptist church in Imphal City. At that time, our state was reeling under ethnic clashes between two major tribes. I had a burden to start a church where both tribes would be welcomed and loved. Our prayers were answered. The "Grace Covenant Baptist Church" was established and the Christian school, "The Royal Ambassadors' Academy" was organized.

As the work continued, we passed through many great difficulties. The villagers who donated 100 acres for the school had great expectations. I pastored in church while my wife taught in the school. To alleviate some of the load, the Lord



*James Dhale baptizing
Hindu converts in a
nearby mountain stream.*

sent my brother who gave up his job at World Vision India to serve as the principal of the school. Things were progressing slowly until the ethnic clashes turned into a major war and our school had to be closed. Our hearts were grieved, but God's ways are higher than ours. We praise Him that Royal Ambassadors' Academy was untouched by the war and our school children were all safe with their parents.

In spite of the great limitations that were placed upon us by the great conflict and limited resources, we moved on in a new direction. We began to plant more churches and God was gracious to help us. Many times, our hearts' desires ran ahead of His will, but He was faithful. Now that the conflict is over, our school has reopened and we continue with our desire to plant New Testament churches wherever and whenever the Lord leads. Our vision remains the same but with greater emphasis on Church planting and using the facilities at RAA to equip missionaries.

Mission Work

The Grace Covenant Baptist Church based at the Royal Ambassadors' Academy campus commissions the missionaries that are supported by HeartCry. Each missionary reports back to headquarters at Imphal city the first Saturday of every month. During this time we have a wonderful fellowship and each work is evaluated. Every missionary is accountable to the leadership of the Grace Covenant Church that sends them as well as to each other. Some of the missionaries have finished all their training, while others follow a continuing process of training under the leadership of the

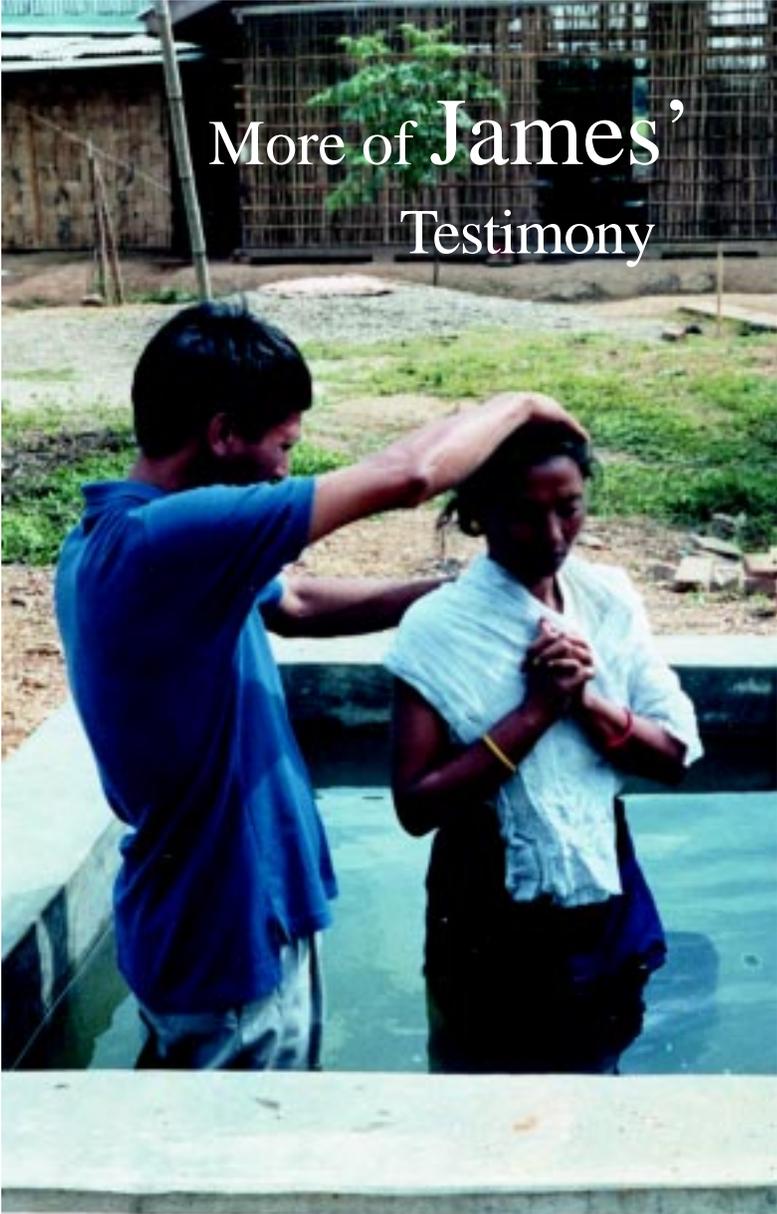
Church. If the leaders of Grace Covenant are not satisfied with the work of a certain missionary, then they are called back for more training.

Each missionary continues to receive support until the members of a new Church are financially able to support them. The period of support depends upon the sincerity of the missionary and the circumstances of his work. Once the new Church is self-sufficient, it is recognized as an independent Church. The missionaries and their Churches are accountable to one another and work under the same doctrine and the same Church Covenant. Once the church becomes self-sustaining, it is trained to be a sending Church itself.

At the present, we have established seven New Testament churches in the last four years. Our prayer goal is to plant at least 30 churches in the next three years. At present we have thirteen missionaries already sent by Grace Covenant Baptist Church, which oversees both Royal Ambassadors Academy and Grace Himalayan Mission. Five of these missionaries are supported by the HeartCry Missionary Society.

I am grateful for what the supporters of HeartCry have done for us. We live according to God's mercies, knowing that He will provide whatever necessary when we truly need it. May God bless you and everyone at HeartCry.

In His Service,
James Dhale



More of James' Testimony

light in the law of God after the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

Even though I do not remember the exact time of my conversion, there is one thing of which I am sure, and that is that a miracle surely happened in my life. There was a turning point, when a change took place, and I was made a new creature. As Paul describes in II Corinthians 5: 17 -21:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

My pastor/father was extremely strict in every way and I had many domestic and religious responsibilities placed upon me as a child. I tried my best to please my father in every way whether it was by fetching water or by attending Sunday School regularly. But my obedience to my parents was by compulsion and all the religious practices within my family were only a daily ritual and pastime for me. I still well remember how sinful I was - I took a wristwatch that did not belong to me, I used harmful tobacco, and I lied to my friends. I was an excellent pretender and everyone thought I was a good boy. I did not realize that God's searching eyes were always upon me. God knew me through and through. As I came to understand the Scriptures, I saw my sins laid before me and I felt myself wretched and worthless in the sight of God. As Paul declared in Romans 7: 21 -25:

"I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I de-

Upon my personal confession of faith, I was given the ordinance of water baptism on December 29, 1969. Since then, by God's grace, I endeavor to remain a faithful servant of God with a vision to fully and personally participate in fulfilling the Great Commission of the risen Lord as it is commanded in Matthew 28:18-20:

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Komuni

Komuni Dhale standing in the flower garden on the RAA campus. Komuni is a great help to her husband and key person in the Lord's ministry.

The following is a personal email letter from Komuni Dhale describing many of the activities, trials, and needs that she and James, and the rest of the Grace Himalayan missionaries must face on a daily basis.

Dear friends,

This is not really a newsletter, but since our email service is finally working again, we thought that it would be good to just sit down and write a long letter to let you know what we are up to. There is joy in the knowledge that God is in control. We do not possess a 'resigned to my fate' attitude but a hope and confidence in God who is always there and knows exactly what is best for us. Each day He renews our hope.

In a place like the Royal Ambassadors Academy campus, we do miss the phone and the postal service is very slow. The only news of the "outside world" that we receive must come through people who visit us. During these difficult times, we do long for fellowship. We remember each and everyone of you in our family prayer time. We thank you for your prayers for us.

My first prayer request for you is that you pray for one of our elders at United Community Baptist Church. He has been admitted to the hospital. Yesterday, he was placed into Intensive Care with severe complications. He is suffering from convulsions and his facial muscles seem to have suffered some degree of paralysis. His condition is quite serious. He has been with us for 7 years, and therefore it is a time of pain and sorrow for all of us. There is so much sickness all around us. We have children in the dormitories who are suf-

fering with malaria, jaundice, typhoid, and the flu. In addition to these things, each day brings its share of cuts and bruises. My cough seems to be better now. I seem to have developed an allergic reaction to mosquito repellents and chalk dust.

The children have been a joy and a cause of bitter weeping. We ask the Lord to save these precious souls who are so lost. At the beginning of the school year, they were very, very rebellious and some ran away. We had to set very strong laws and the school began to resemble a correction center. It still does. But, we are relieved to see many small changes taking place in their lives. God grants us the grace to start from the very beginning every year. It is a privilege to minister to these young ones.

It was a rude shock for us when these "innocent" rural children told us that when they are in their own homes their favorite TV channel was HBO. While they are living with us in the school, we try to keep them busy with academics, music, crafts, cooking classes, gardening and most of all, the teaching of the Bible. We keep them so busy that by 8.00 P.M., everyone starts to feel sleepy. It may sound as if I am whining about the work load (which includes washing their clothes, giving them baths, haircuts, affections and all), but I do enjoy it all at the end of the day. I love to see their progress. I do face spiritual battles even in dealing with these supposedly "innocent" children.

There are 55 children who stay with us and for a minimum fee, we try to give them wholesome healthy food. Going to the market every day to buy the food we need is a great trial. The earlier we arrive at the market, the better price we

receive! The children have such a voracious appetite.

Although I struggle with the English language, I am teaching English Literature to the children. It is my goal to improve their English so that they can converse correctly and intelligently. It is my hope that they will someday be able to translate Christian tracts and books into their own native language. The other day, I had a very good time with the fifth graders. I asked them how a bee sings in English and a little boy answered confidently, 'beeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee'. Then I asked about the bee's "migration" and they thought I was speaking about a girl in the class whose name is "Margret."

The day before yesterday, we had our first storm of the year and the roof of our newly constructed mud house blew away and its wall collapsed. I have decided not to look at the damage until I am spiritually ready. We will have more storms, but the monsoons are still 2 months away.

Our dear Nisa continues her countryside trips by bus about four times a week. She does this to minister to the spiritual and medical needs of the people. Every now and then, she collects enough samples of medicines and visits the children at RAA in order to give them a regular medical checkup. Recently, she contracted malaria/typhoid at the hospital where she works, and so it has been a year of not only treating other people, but of treating herself. In spite of all the trials, she has not lost her sense of humor and she is always telling stories about her experiences in the rural areas of our country and about her bus rides with the people and their animals. She says that the buses are so full of animals

that each bus should be called "Noah's Ark." The people often put their animals - cats, ducks, chickens, goats, squealing pigs, etc. - on the top of the bus. When they go to the bathroom, the passengers get wet! Nisa told us that the animals went to the bathroom so often that she thought it was raining, but then she looked out the bus window and saw that the sun was shining and there was not a cloud in the sky. She says, that she began to wonder why it was only raining in the bus! With her sense of humor, we hear stories like this every week.

Please remember our missionaries who are presently in training. They must study hard and teach the children at school in their free time. I feel comfortable knowing that the secular subjects are being taught from a Christian perspective which is rare in other schools. They take care of the devotion time too. They are here with us through the week and leave during the weekends for their mission fields. One of our missionaries has not been doing too well. He is suffering with hypertension. Please pray for him. His name is Ajan. The other missionaries seem to be getting stronger with their weekly trek up and down the hills to RAA campus (over an hour) 4 times a week. The missionaries in training also eat with the children in the common dining hall. So, you can get a picture of how they and the school children enjoy a close relationship.

We praise God that the power lines to the RAA campus have been finally restored after three years of living in darkness without any electricity. The electricity has enabled us to



Some of the students at the Royal Ambassadors Academy. RAA seeks to provide a Christ-Centered education that will lead to the advancement of the Gospel among the children, their parents and the entire nation.



Students at the RAA working in the schools vegetable garden. The garden is used to feed the students and the missionaries in training. It is Jame's and Komuni's desire that every mission work be as self-supporting as possible.

use our rice mill again. In the past decade, we have had to travel to the nearest village with a mill, carrying our rice paddies on our backs. We are still without a telephone. We are praying that we will not have to wait through another 10 years until the government makes the telephone available to us. Please pray for us that God will protect the power lines. Every time the power goes out, I am fearful that thieves may have stolen the lines again.

Please pray for our people who are so entrenched in superstitions, myths, fables and folklore. They live in fear all the time. Our Asian culture is drowning in spiritism. It has also infiltrated many so-called Christian churches. Oftentimes at the end of a "church" service, the people hold "revival meetings." They begin with an invocation of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by drum beating, and shouting "Hallelujah" and "Praise the Lord." Such things are then followed with loud and frenzied prayers, crying, screaming, dancing, fainting, etc. The service is usually brought to a close with prophesying, visions and their interpretations. We have witnessed

some of these services in other "churches" and they were very disturbing. This is one of the hindrances we face in dealing with ordinary villagers. They experience a 'high' in their "revival services" that they say is lacking in our mission. The percentage of professing Christians is definitely higher in NE India than in other parts of the country and the presence of churches all over our region is remarkable, but the kind of worship we mentioned above is found in almost every church.

This morning we read from Proverbs 24:1-10. We place our hope only in the unchanging and unchangeable Lord. His plans and purposes are good. We pray that we will remain obedient and faithful as we labor together in His service, seeking only to bring Him glory by His grace alone.

In Christ,

Komuni Dhale

Komuni's garden and fish pond where fish are raised to feed the children who study at the Royal Ambassadors Academy and the missionaries who labor in the harvest through the Grace Himalayan Mission.



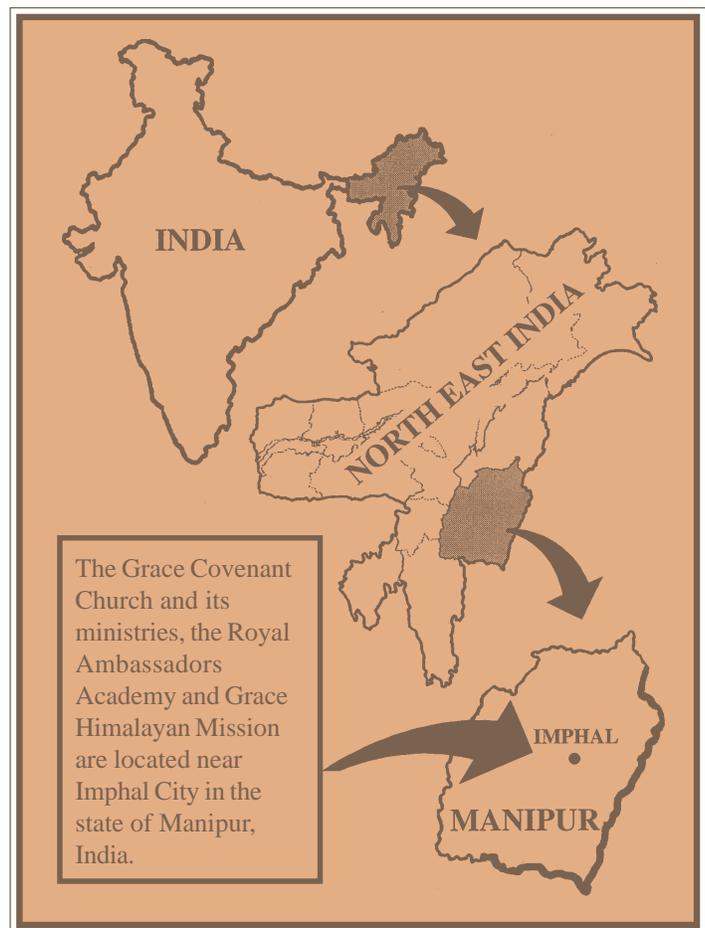
The Grace Himalayan Mission

The Grace Himalayan Mission is a ministry of the Grace Covenant Baptist Church in Imphal, India, and is located on the Royal Ambassadors Academy campus. The mission seeks to send out missionaries to neighboring countries such as Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, as well as to minister among these same people groups that have fled to India. The mission provides leadership, training, and literature to needy areas in obedience to the Great Commission. Since much of the theological training in the area is liberal, the Grace Himalayan Mission is one of the only sources of biblical training for pastors and missionaries. Apart from the work, there would be nothing.

The missionaries that are sent out by the Grace Himalayan Mission are commissioned by and accountable to the Grace Covenant Baptist Church. Every missionary is required to report back to the headquarter's office at Imphal city the first Saturday of every month for a time of fellowship and evaluation. Every missionary is accountable to the leadership of the Church as well as to each other. When possible, a day is set for each missionary to give their report to the Church about their respective works. Some of the missionaries may also continue their theological training under the leadership of the Church throughout their service if they are sent to places that are close to the headquarters. The sending Church will continue to support the missionary until the members of a new Church are financially able. On evaluation, if the sending Church is not satisfied with the work, the missionary will be called back for more training. Once the new Church is self-sufficient, it will be recognized as an independent Church. The missionaries and their Churches will be accountable to each other, working under a common Church Covenant and doctrine. They will be trained and equipped to be a sending Church once they become independent Churches. The period of support depends on the sincerity of the missionary and the circumstances of the work. If the new Church faces financial difficulties and is unable to pay the pastor's full support, then we will help with food from our rice fields. The Church at the RAA campus has a granary for this purpose. However, we own only a few rice fields and their yield fluctuates according to the monsoon rains.

Before being sent full-time into the mission field, all candidates must submit to at least six months of intensive training. This training is required of both new and experienced missionaries. While the men are being trained they only need 1/2 of their monthly support or \$50. After they are trained and sent out, they require the full support of \$100.

At the present, Grace Himalayan Mission has fourteen missionaries already commissioned and working in the field. We are thankful to God to be able to tell you by God's grace, the Grace Himalayan Mission, has already established seven churches in the last four years. The prayer target is to plant at least 30 churches in the next three years.



HeartCry Missionaries

to India, Nepal, and Burma



On April 4, 2001, the HeartCry missionary Society began to support five missionaries who are currently serving under the authority of the Grace Covenant Baptist Church and through the Grace Himalayan Mission. These missionaries are:

Ajan Palmier - working among the Muslims and Hindus of Imphal, India.

Samuel Phairong - working among the Buddhists of Myanmar (Burma).

Dr. Joseph Kennedy - working among the Hindus of Imphal, India.

George Sharma - working among the Hindus of Nepal.

Rocky Lunghar - working among the Hindus in Achaubikei / Heingaug areas of India.

The Grace Himalayan Mission was established in 1999 to launch an evangelistic campaign to one of the world's most strategic mission fields that lays in and around the Himalayan mountain regions. These regions are located in an area often referred to as the 10/40 Window. Within this "window" dwell 3.2 billion people, 95% of which are the least evangelized in the world. It is estimated that 20% to 25% of the world's population live in this Window and have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ironically, this is the same area of latitude that covers much of the United States. The 10/40 Window is the heartland of 706 million followers of Islam, 153 million Buddhists, and 717 million Hindus. Sikhism, Animism, and Theism are other religions that practice in the Window. Approximately 80% of the world's poorest people, both physically and spiritually, inhabit this large region and yet, only 8% to 10% of the world's missionary force is deployed within the 10/40 window. All the Himalayan region countries are closed to foreign missionaries that preach the Gospel. The need is great and the possibilities are unlimited as we minister "By God's grace and for His glory" only. Please pray that our Father in Heaven might send more laborers for His harvest.

Ajan Palmeir

*Working among
the Muslims and
Hindus of India*



I was born and raised in a Christian family of the Rongmei tribe of Manipur, India. My grandfather, who was one of the pioneer Christian leaders of the tribe greatly influenced my life. I regularly attended the worship services and Sunday school of the local church. Very often I received rewards for Sunday school attendance, etc., nevertheless, I was without Christ and living a sinful life. Outwardly I looked like a Christian, but in reality I was an unsaved sinner.

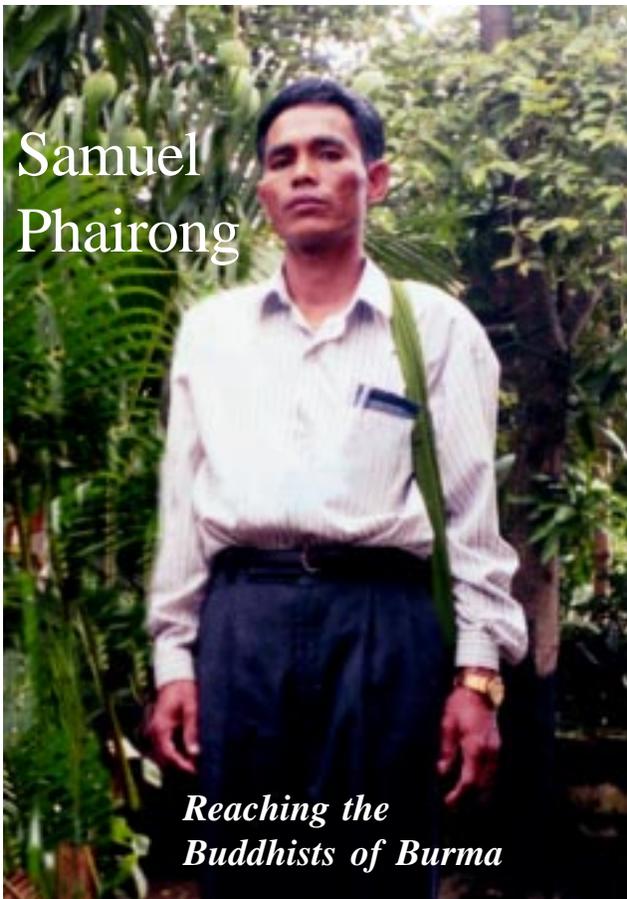
In 1972, I repented of my sins and believed in Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I gave my life to Him and He forgave my sins. He gave me joy and peace of mind.

Almost immediately after my salvation, I decided that it was God's will for me to serve the Lord as long as I lived here on Earth. I became involved in our local church ministry as a church clerk, youth secretary, and mission secretary. I also served as recording secretary of the Thangal Naga Baptist Association, Manipur.

After completing my Masters of Arts in English in 1985 and until I gave my life to full time ministry in 1997, I taught in private schools in order to earn a living. It was while I was teaching at Nomjoklung High School in Sawomburg, that God called me into the Christian ministry through the preaching of brother James Dhale. The life I now live, I live for Christ who died for me and rose up from the grave into glory. The area where I am working is in the city of Imphal. It is a culturally mixed community of over one million people. The dominant religions are Hindu and Muslim, but there are also a number of cults. Kindly pray for me and my ministry.

Samuel Phairong

*Reaching the
Buddhists of Burma*

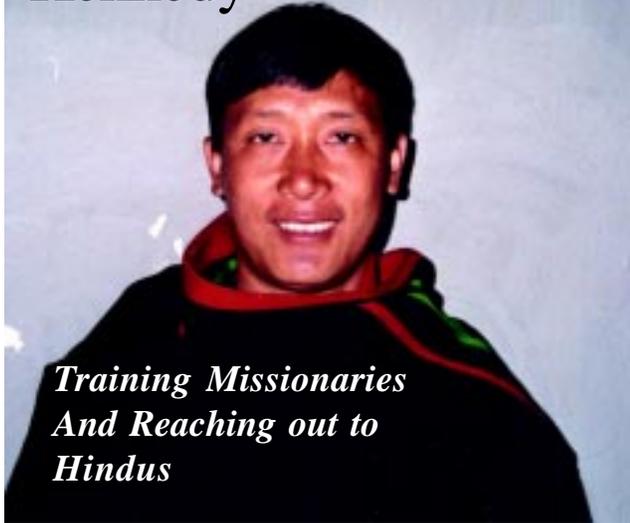


I belong to the Maring Naga tribe, that dwells at the border of Burma (Myanmar). My forefathers were headhunters and I was born and raised as an animist. In our isolated village there was no road, communication, water supply or electric power. I worked in the rice terraces to earn a living. There was no school near my village and I never dreamed that I would ever see the outside world.

By God's grace, the Lord sent evangelists to our remote village in the early 1960's. As a boy I did not really understand what they were saying, but I always followed them to the village hut that they used as a house church. The evangelists taught us basic education and Bible stories. One day during a class, I was asked to read the story of Jesus. As I read the story, something or Someone touched me and I felt as if Jesus Himself had come into our village and had been crucified in front of our villagers. His death on the cross was so real to me that I started sobbing during my story reading and I asked Jesus to forgive my sin. That day, I received great freedom, joy, and happiness. I was baptized and promised the evangelists that I would follow them wherever they went.

It is now my prayer that the Lord will use me in Burma to minister and plant churches among the Burmese Buddhists. I am thankful to God for James Dhale who encourages me to be bold and courageous regardless of the circumstances. I am saved by grace, and I will depend on the God of grace for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Dr. Joseph Kennedy



*Training Missionaries
And Reaching out to
Hindus*

Joseph was born and raised in a Christian family. His father was a pioneer pastor. From childhood, Sunday school, learning about God, and family worship were the regular part of his life. In spite of his strict Christian upbringing, there was always a vacuum in Joseph's life. He was bothered by many unanswered questions and had no real sense of joy or peace in his life.

Finally, on a very special night, in a very special prayer

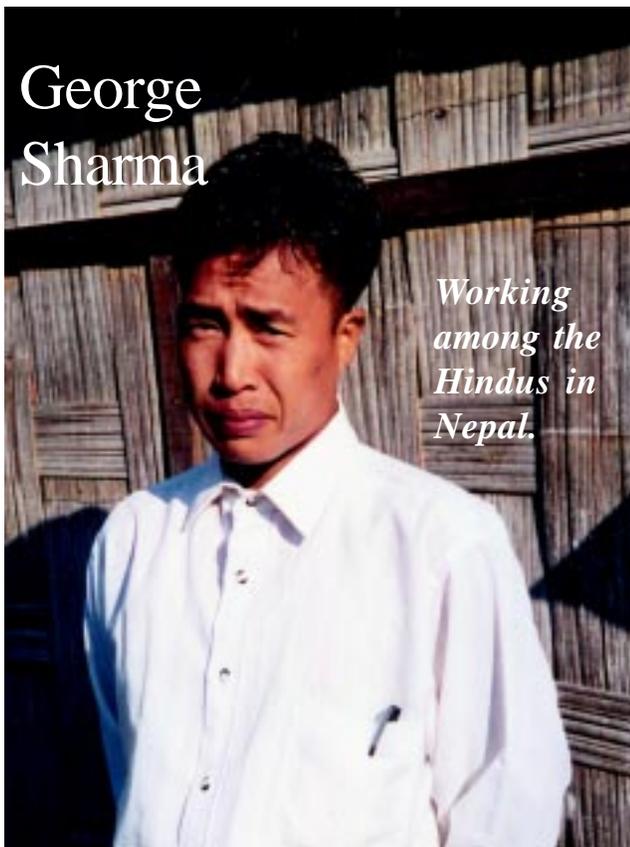
meeting, Joseph had a personal encounter with the risen Lord. The Spirit of God made him alive, convicted him of his sins and opened his heart to accept Jesus Christ as His personal Savior and Lord. God made him a new Creature and adopted him as one of His chosen children. Since then, Joseph has found all the answers to His questions in Christ and his life has been filled with meaning, peace, and joy.

At a very early age of 20, Joseph clearly felt God's call into His ministry. In a very unusual way, he experienced a vision similar to that which the Lord gave to the prophet Isaiah when He asked: "Whom shall I send? And Who will go for us?" Joseph answered with the words of Isaiah: "Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:8). That day, he left behind all his ambitions to become a business executive and he entered into the Lord's ministry.

Joseph not only acknowledged God's sovereignty over his salvation and ministry, but over his entire being and life. With a strong conviction about God's infinite wisdom and absolute sovereignty, Joseph married a woman he had never met, simply because it was arranged by his parents. This sounds unusual to us today, but Joseph and his wife Ngale believed in God and their faith and commitment led them to love the one they married. They married on June 5, 1998 and were blessed with a daughter named Evangeline.

Dr. Kennedy is working as an associate Bible teacher and is involved in training the missionaries before and after they are sent into the field. He is assisting Brother Dhale in establishing a church in Kanglatongbi, three miles from the Royal Ambassadors' Academy campus. The population of 10,000 people is made up of nominal Christians and Hindus.

George Sharma



*Working
among the
Hindus in
Nepal.*

My name is George Sharma and I was born and raised in a wealthy Brahmin family (Brahmin is the highest caste in the Hindu caste system). Every morning we were required to take ritual baths and chant the mantras from Purana 3.8.126 so that we might have food and shelter, and live prosperous lives. Although we were religious, all our external activity was only useless hypocrisy. There was no peace or love in our family. My father, who was a heavy drinker, would often quarrel with my mother and abuse her physically every night.

In the middle of our suffering and sin, God had mercy on us and sent Christian pastors to visit our house and counsel us with the Word of God. After three years, my father and three of our family members, including me, accepted Christ as our personal Saviour. We were all baptized together. Eventually, my father became a pastor.

At 15 years of age, I did not really know much about Christ, I only knew that my father was a Christian and I had followed in the footsteps of my father. In our Nepalis community I am in the high caste, and this made me very arrogant. When I was 18 years old, I began to run with a gang of friends. We would spend the night drinking, stealing, and killing other people's animals. In my society, we had become the lawbreakers and outcasts from the community. In my country we were not considered to be a "gang," but rather the people called us "street dogs."

I always tried to escape from my father and run with my

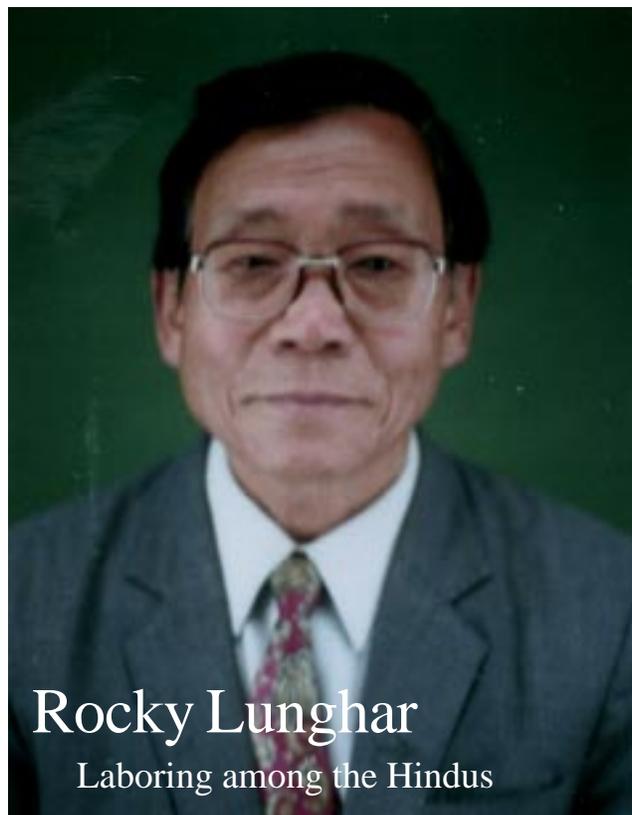
gang. Every night when I came in from the streets, he would rebuke me saying, “You are the son of a pastor. Why are you doing all of these evil things that hurt so many people?” Finally, one evening after becoming intoxicated by alcohol, I was unable to control myself and I collapsed near a drain. I slept that entire night unconscious of where I was. When I awoke the next morning, I was unable to get up and my head seemed to be spinning in circles. Some of my friends took me to the hospital and informed my family. When I reached the hospital, I did not even recognize my own father and mother. Suffering from Malaria and Typhoid, I thought that I was surely going to die. I cried out deep inside my heart, “My Lord, save me! Save me!”

After one week in a coma, I came to and realized that someone was standing beside my bed. I was surprised to see my father and another pastor looking down and smiling at

me. The pastor touched my head and told me not to worry, because “the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin”.

One morning, when I was reading the tract that the pastor had left for me, I came across the passage that reads, “The stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief corner stone.” This verse touched and penetrated my heart. On June 18th, 1994 I began to pray and confessed my sins to God and to everyone. I was born again and God gave me a vision to preach the Gospel to the Nepalis. I was sent to a Bible College at Madras - the South India Soul Winner Association College. Since then I have graduated and am now serving God freely and with all my heart. God has also blessed me with a wife and a daughter.

As I am a Nepali-Hindu convert, I am working among this people group in the state of Manipur. Later, I will be sent full-time into Nepal. Please uphold me in your prayers.



I was born and raised in a Christian family at Mapao Laughkul, a Naga village in the Scuapati District of Manipur. My father was the humble pioneer pastor of our church. When I was very young, I fell sick and was on my death bed with a very high fever. I was sick unto death, but by God’s bountiful grace and according to His purpose for my life, He raised me up once again, and made me a servant to work in His vineyard. I am always reminded of the words of St. Paul in Ephesians 1:11, “In Him, we were chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will.” These words bring me great joy and cause me to offer thanksgiving to God.

As a young boy, I enjoyed learning from the Word of

God and attending Sunday School. I was very interested in learning about the life of Jesus and studying His journeys during His earthly ministry. I memorized all the places where He traveled as He preached the Gospel. In the year 1945, I committed my life to Jesus and was baptized, but I had a little knowledge of salvation.

During my teenage years, I attended high school in the city of Imphal. I had many friends who were not believers and my spiritual life became very shallow. In those days there was not a single church in Imphal that had fellowship meetings, Bible studies, or prayer meetings.

Even though I never thought of entering the Gospel ministry, I was invited to enter the Estejn Theological College in 1956 by the principal himself when he came to Imphal in the year of my graduation. Through his invitation and persistence, I attended ETC for a short course of the Bible. During that time, I committed my life to the Lord Jesus Christ. I returned home in 1958 prepared to minister, and the Lord gave me my wife to be a helpmate in the ministry. The following year, we were called to look after the Hengmau Baptist Church. It was my first experience in the ministry as a pastor.

In spite of my young age and inexperience, I was invited to work in the Baptist Association as the field secretary in 1960. Accordingly, I took up the task as given by the Lord and depended upon His help and guidance. The work went well, but I began to recognize that my theological training had been inadequate. Because of this, I traveled to Madras and enrolled in the Hindustau Bible Institute for further study. Upon graduation, I returned to my work as field director for the Baptist Association. In 1979, I was ordained for full-time ministry.

In total, I served as field supervisor and secretary for 26 years. During this time, I had the privilege of pastoring two different churches and serving as chairman of the Missions & Evangelism committee of our association. I thank God for this ministry that He has given me. In all these years of ministry, our loving Lord has strengthened me in all my difficulties and weaknesses. Please pray for me as I begin new works in the Achaubikei and Heingaug areas.

A Day in the Life

of James and Komuni Dhale

James and Komuni Dhale are long-standing missionaries who work in one of the most volatile locations on the planet. There is constant disputes / uprisings between the Indian government who claims sovereignty and the various tribal groups who demand autonomy. The Dhale's principal ministries are the direction of the Royal Ambassador's Academy and church planting through the Grace Himalayan Mission.

Because of their inaccessibility, our information about their ministry is never as complete as we would like. We therefore decided to publish one of their periodic newsletters so that you might catch a glimpse of a day in the life of these two dedicated missionaries and the men and women who work with them.

Dear Prayer Partners,

We have been trying for months to reach you through email because it is still the fastest and the cheapest way of sending mail but we face numerous difficulties, which cannot all be listed here. We are trying to get this through to you though we realize that our postal system is often shut down. The anthrax scare is finally here, too. We hope you will receive this mail. Photographs will be sent in separately. It has been a very trying time for all of us around the globe. Since June, we have experienced many changes in the ministry, the family, etc. We know that your country has and is still undergoing very difficult times.

The greatest trial we faced this year was the June uprising when more than 50,000 people were displaced and are now called "refugees." We would not call ourselves refugees in the true sense of the word, but we do feel displaced, nonetheless. The Lord led us to move to the RAA (Royal Ambassador Academy campus in February, 4 months before the June unrest, so we did not really suffer as much as the others. We had to be on constant guard against possible attacks against our person and property. It was also necessary to move our daughters, Yairu and Nisa, out of the city and to a safer place. We also lost a number of church members, but it was necessary for them to leave. We could not assure their safety. As we look back, we thank our Father in heaven Who gave us much grace to hope in Him during our darkest hours. "...hope thou in God..." (Ps. 42:5, 11; 43:5).

The Grace Himalayan Mission

In the month of August and in the midst of all the turmoil and confusion, we were able to begin the Missionary Training Program under the Grace Himalayan Mission (GHM). Because of the monsoons and the political unrest, we had a very difficult time, but we saw no reason or wisdom in delaying any longer. The Lord's work should continue even in the darkest times. It brings us great joy to share with you that the Lord has blessed us and we now have eight missionaries

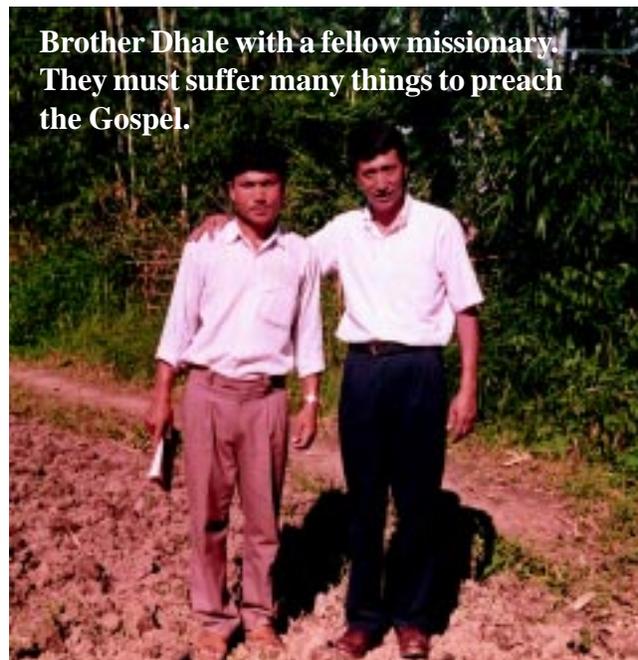
who are being trained during the week and working in their respective fields every weekend.

The Lord has provided in many ways. The harvest of rice has been exceptionally good in spite of some very unusual rains. We use the rice we grow to feed the missionaries, and the teachers and the students at the Academy. We are considering appointing four more missionaries in the near future. By the training of indigenous missionaries, we are able to go into places that we personally could not reach due to language barriers and distances. The men are very encouraged because they are also enrolled in our Tent-making projects for self-sufficiency. Current projects are hog farming, gardening, rice cultivation, etc. At this moment due to constraints with funds, we're limiting the scale of the projects.

Church Planting

By the end of June, most of the church members in the city and elsewhere left to avoid the violence. After our own escape, we were no longer able to establish contacts with our Meiti-Hindu converts. We were completely cut off and fearful for them. But one day as we were praying, an old Meitei friend (Sukumar) gave us a surprise visit. It was a surprise, because the river had swelled and the roads were damaged to the point of being impassable. In the absence of any tribal missionary, our friend had come to offer help and to be a bridge between us and the Meitei church members.

Now that "some normalcy" has returned to the state, our tribal missionary has returned to the field. We were very worried about him at first, because weeks past before we heard anything from him. Finally, we discovered that he had come down with typhoid fever. Our missionaries must travel extensively and eat unsanitary food from roadside vendors. Because of this they often succumb to food contamination and related diseases. Please pray for our missionaries. Two other missionaries are presently suffering from malaria. Also, please continue to pray for the five new areas where we are hoping



Brother Dhale with a fellow missionary. They must suffer many things to preach the Gospel.



Missionaries and students working to prepare a place for a new building for the training center.

to begin new churches.

Royal Ambassadors Academy

This was the first year of reopening our school after a gap of 5 years due to the ethnic flare-up between the Nagas and the Kukis. Our hearts began to sink as we expected the school to be closed down again due to the fighting. When our power lines were stolen for the fifth time, we had to resort to patrolling the lines at night. We also kept a close watch on all the children in our school. We claimed the promise of Psalm 37:19: "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time..." Truly the Lord has protected us and we have not been an embarrassment in the eyes of the non-Christian communities nearby. Today we hear that they ask what is it that has kept us unmoved during the three major upheavals in the state. This is an opportunity to witness.

We are in November now and this is the last month of the school year 2001. It has been a year full of activities. We have been using C.H. Spurgeon's, *A Baptist Catechism* instead of the "Moral Science" books prescribed by the state. RAA is one of the few schools that teaches the Bible along with secular subjects. This year, even two teachers were soundly converted! It was a memorable experience. They were baptized at the river nearby.

Academic performances have also improved. We follow the principle of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and "all these things shall be added unto you." Last week the missionaries conducted a Bible Camp for the RAA children and those in nearby villages. This was an important camp conducted during the festival of the Hindu goddess Durga Puja. The camp helps the curious village children from Christian homes to stay away from the idolatrous practices that are potential distractions and temptations. About 130 children attended. It was a wonderful fellowship.

Pray for us that we will exercise great wisdom in teaching these little children in "the way they should go." We seek to begin teaching the seventh grade next year. Pray that we will be able to take in the right amount of students so that we do not run into financial difficulties. Even now, some parents pay their children's school fees through the daily wage sys-

tem in stead of using cash. Some prefer the barter system of paying in kind. This works except that the teachers need to be paid in cash.

Construction

work will resume this month when the five month dry season begins. We will work on the outside structures now so that during the rainy season, the work on the interior can continue. We will also be refurbishing the school building to accommodate more students for next year, and adding rooms to accommodate the new teachers and missionaries. We also hope to build a roof for the Church in Makhan. Pray that our funds will suffice.

Family News

We are trying to adjust to a life without power, postal service, newspapers and shops. It is peaceful in many ways but there are many inconveniences. Please pray for the powerlines that we have requested from the government. It has been about 2 years and still there is no answer. Our generators have developed problems after one year of service. Please also pray for the installation of telephone lines. Someone has suggested a satellite phone but the cost is too high. It seems as though we are currently traveling back in time. Instead of calling by phone, we send messengers in the same way as during the ancient times. Our base is an hour's walk to the nearest highway and about twenty minutes' walk to the nearest civilization.

My Komuni's sister Mary is still studying at Southern Seminary in Kentucky. She was planning to visit us this winter but because of the new immigration rules it would be better to stay in the US.

We want you to know that we are in prayer for you and we know that you pray for us, too. Although we walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, we will fear no evil. May God bless you and protect you. Until the next mail,

In His Service
The Dhales



James Dhale of
the Grace
Himalayan Mission

What part of “GO” do you not understand?

Matthew 28:18-20

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