



MISSION: EXPLOSION INTERNATIONAL

In A Global Hunt for Lost Souls
Matthew 28:18-20

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Rusty Writes:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We find in the Scriptures where the apostle Paul saw the need to expose two former brothers in Christ who were causing harm to the Lord's church. In 1st and 2nd Timothy Paul exposes men like Hymenaeus, Alexander and Philetus so the other churches would be aware of their divisive behavior and not extend to them the right hand of fellowship. He warned the church to look out for these men and to have nothing to do with them. At one time these men were baptized believers but now have gone astray, allowing Satan to use them for destruction. When the warning went out about these unrepented men, the churches did not question Paul's motive or doubt his reason for exposing them. To question Paul's motive would be like Barnabas, Timothy or Titus saying to the churches of Christ and to Paul after hearing of their evil, "We find no fault. We see no wrong in them, so they are welcome in our assembly." How absurd that would be. What actually happened was that the warning about these men spread throughout the churches and no one would have anything to do with them or welcome them into their fellowship.

A few years ago we had such a man in our ministry: Mr. T.G. Aruldoss. He was found to be a thief, a liar and full of evil. We gave many opportunities for him to repent and to right his wrong. He stole from our ministry as well as deprived medicines to the sick and dying. He also robbed salaries from the Indian preachers as well as many other crimes not mentioned. I exposed this man and his family to the American churches and other Christian organizations within our brotherhood asking them not to sponsor or send money to Mr. Aruldoss.

Just recently I was informed that Reggie Thomas, founder and director of White Fields Overseas Evangelism in Joplin, Missouri, has taken Mr. Aruldoss into his organization as an Indian evangelist. I contacted Reggie and asked him to please not sponsor this thief and told him he had done great harm to the brotherhood. Other organizations also wrote Reggie Thomas stating the same. Reggie told me over the phone that he would investigate the matter and would get back with me. After several months, I have yet to hear from him concerning Mr. T.G. Aruldoss. However, just recently in his last newsletter it was brought to my attention that he has again listed Mr. Aruldoss as one of his evangelists.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is why we have division in the brotherhood. This is also why the nationals perceive the American missionaries as divided and always in dispute. Why would Mr. Reggie Thomas take Mr. T.G. Aruldoss as one of his evangelists after being told about his character and his unrepentant nature? Reggie also knew that most of T.G. Aruldoss' family has fled to the United Kingdom to avoid criminal charges in India. Mr. Aruldoss knowingly stole money from every project we started in India. He put money in his own pocket that was supposed to go for a dying cancer patient to have morphine to ease their pain and suffering. His is also a man who stole salary money from every staff person in our ministry. He told the government of India that he did not receive a salary from the mission and created three fictitious names to divide his monthly salary into to avoid paying taxes. Reggie Thomas must not think this is a serious matter. Is he so desperate to need preachers to run his Indian organization that he would stoop to hire this man? I don't know the answer, but it is very shameful and a disgrace to totally reject all warnings about a man who did so much wrong and stole from the American churches. I have no pleasure in writing this article exposing again Mr. Aruldoss and also questioning a brother in Christ about his motives in hiring such a man. However, because communication was broken, I had no choice. Accountability is the most important characteristic we should have in the ministry besides making sure we preach the truth from the Word of God. Our goal in India and other countries around the world is to simply plant the Lord's church wherever we can. It does not mean compromising and allowing thieves like Mr. T.G. Aruldoss to come back in to our fellowship where he can accumulate personal wealth for himself and his family again. Somebody bigger than I should say something to Reggie Thomas. Why could he not choose anyone else except Mr. Aruldoss to be on his team? Again, the warning has been put out. Please take heed so we can stop Satan from having a foothold in the church.

Announcing Short-Term Mission Trip to India – January 2008

We have an exciting trip planned for January 2008. We will be spending most of our time in the state of Andhra Pradesh where we are opening new areas of evangelism and church plants. We need those of you who can teach and preach the Word to come on this trip. If you have never been to India, we would also like to invite those of you who would like to just come and see our ministry. We plan to leave sometime around December 27th and return around January 11th. We will have a 2day stop-over in some country to be determined on our way to India. The cost of this trip will be approximately \$2,300 which will include your lodging and transportation while in India. It will not include your expenses while in our stop-over country. If you are planning to go with us this January, I will need you to send your \$100 deposit in by July 5th and the remaining \$2,200 in by October 1st. This group will be limited to 15. The price of tickets will increase drastically after October, and available space on any airline will be at a minimum. So if you plan on going, please let me know as soon as possible so I can begin holding a seat for your trip.

Andhra Pradesh is a beautiful part of India. It is a small mountainous range. The villages around Pittur are wide open for harvest. The people are receptive to the Gospel. We truly believe that this will be one of our best evangelistic trips to India ever. So step out of your comfort zone and go with us as we try to reach many souls with the Good News of Jesus.

Update on Stevenraj and Mani

Brother Mani is doing fine. His is back in his regular routine of ministry. Praise God for a fantastic healing from the Lord. Brother Stevenraj is improving every week with physical therapy. He is now able to walk with a cane. His speech has improved greatly since the stroke. However, he will still need to have surgery on his heart to repair the problem which caused the stroke in the first place. The doctors have scheduled early July to perform the surgery. If you would like to contribute to Stevenraj's medical bills, we are estimating the total cost will be somewhere around \$5,000. If the Lord lays on your heart to help this brother, please send your money so we can be ready to pay the bills when they are due.

Maui Revival a Great Success

In early June I preached a revival meeting for the Valley Isle Church of Christ on the island of Maui. We had a wonderful time seeing our church family there. We had one baptism and three new families decided to be a part of the church. We also anointed a dear sister in Christ, Lolita Yagin. Lolita had been suffering for years with a rare blood disease. After her last doctor's appointment, the doctor told her that her blood count and everything was perfect. Praise God for His mighty hand of healing.

Next newsletter I will share in greater detail about the church on Maui and more concerning our ministry there.

Church Planting in Louisiana

Chuck Myers, Phil Hancock, Justin and I just returned from Plaquemines Parish, LA. This is where the eye of Hurricane Katrina passed through just 2 years ago. Garry Jones with Feed My Sheep Ministries asked us to come down and explore the opportunity of planting a church in that area. More details on our trip on the next page.

After 2 Years It Still Looks Like a War Zone

We arrived on Wednesday evening to a small town in Louisiana near the Mississippi border called Buras, LA. We met the staff of Feed My Sheep Ministries and discussed our schedule for the rest of the weekend. On Thursday morning we got in our rental car and began driving down all the roads in the parish. We could not believe our eyes: homes still destroyed after 2 years, fishing boats turned over and crushed like Coke cans, FEMA trailers were sitting in front of the destroyed homes. People were living in these small trailers waiting for their homes to be rebuilt.

We do not have a New Testament church in this area. There are only 20 churches in the whole state. Most of the denominational churches that were there are not coming back. The people we talked to were asking, "Where can we go to church?"

Mission: Explosion International is seriously praying and considering trying to start a Christian church in Plaquemines Parish. Will you pray with us and financially support us in this endeavor?

We will have much more information concerning planting a church and other needs in next month's newsletter. We are also planning to have a fall carnival there for the children because they have nowhere to go and nothing to do. So we are planning to take church groups down for a long weekend the last of September or

October. If you would like to be a part of this mission trip to Louisiana, please call me as soon as possible and let me know.

We are excited to have the chance to be a part of this ministry. Please be praying earnestly about this matter.



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