



# MISSION: EXPLOSION INTERNATIONAL

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

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## Rusty Writes:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have just returned back to America from spending 2½ months in India. This trip was full of hardship and disappointment from the day I arrived until the day I returned home. Let me begin by sharing with you the Scripture that has helped me get through this trying time. Revelation 21:4,5 says, *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'* I cried with the wife of our preacher Mani when the doctor shared with us that the cancer has spread and that he has only a short time left on this earth.

We anointed brother Mani with oil and prayed over him in February. The doctor's report was that the surgery was successful and he would be cancer-free. We rejoiced after hearing that news and shared it with you in June. Recently, Mani started having severe pain and sickness. He went back to the doctor for his routine check-up. That's when the doctor gave him 11 months or less to live.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord! The Scripture says that God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death, sickness or disease. I have seen more families this year in India suffering from cancer, heart conditions and terminal illnesses than I would have ever wanted to see in my entire life. The blessed hope of salvation comes with great promise and reward to those who love and obey Jesus. Life here on earth is short. That is why it is so important that the Good News of Jesus be preached throughout the world and the message that God will wipe away every tear from our eye and that we will live with Him throughout eternity. Please be praying for Mani, his wife and their 5 children.



## The Elephant "god" Ganesh – the Prosperity "god" of India has his Day on Parade

I never cease to be amazed at the rituals of idol worship. Ganesh is the prosperity god of India and a certain day is designated for him to have a parade. The night before the Hindus will make clay statues or idols of Ganesh. The next morning they will make their pilgrimage to drown the clay image of Ganesh in the ocean. I asked one Hindu, "Is this the real Ganesh – the one made of clay? Or is there another one?" He replied, "No, this is only a replica of Ganesh. This one is made of clay and the real god is made of stone." They take these idols and immerse them in the ocean for prosperity. I told the India Christians

the Ganesh idols on that day were all being baptized, but the people were refusing to obey the Gospel. The Hindus told me the real god is made of stone. They could not take him to the ocean, only his replica made of clay. That is very strange. The Scripture says they worship the created things instead of the Creator. ***Thou shall have no other gods before Me. I AM that I AM.***

## New Churches Are Planned For Andhra Pradesh

Preacher William and other MEI staff worked hard in promoting this open-air Gospel meeting. The theme for the day was "**There Is Strength in Numbers**". We had over 700 in attendance that day as we are preparing to plant a new Church in Tiruaputti. The city of Tiruaputti is well known to people all over India. The Hindus



travel hundreds of miles each year making a pilgrimage, bringing their offerings and giving their hair as a sacrifice, hoping to receive a blessing from the "god" up on the mountain.

Behind the scenes the government of India controls the temple and their monetary gifts. Also, India is the number one exporter of hair and wigs in the world. Wonder why? Could it be the men, women and children who make their pilgrimage to Tiruaputti and shave their hair to give to the god have actually sacrificed their hair to the government? This god as well as others are strictly run and governed by the government of India. The need to plant a church in this large city is great. We want to break down the barriers and give the people a chance to find salvation in the One and True God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

### **January 2008 Trip To India**

We will be leaving around January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> and returning around January 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. We will probably be stopping over in Athens, Greece or Paris, France. We have only 3 more spaces available. If you would like to go, please contact me immediately. Thank you, Rusty

### **Grand Opening of Best Bright Laundry and Dry Cleaning**

After tragedy struck this family a few years ago when their daughter was burned to death by rolling over on a candle, Able and Hannah became Christians. Able owned an ironing stand which provided the living for their family. Today God has blessed them with a little shop where they will be able to do both clothes washing and ironing.

It is always good to see God blessing the church members for their faithful service. We had a large crowd gather that afternoon as we prayed and invited everyone in the village to come and meet the new owners of Best Bright Laundry and Dry Cleaning. It was a joyous occasion. Able and Hannah provided cake and sweets to all in the village who stopped by their new place of business. Able made an announcement that the first 5 customers' ironing was free. One man in the crowd quickly went to get some clothes to be ironed. As it turned out, he is a shop-owner in the same village – a tailor who plans to use Best Bright Laundry and Dry Cleaning to finish out all of his jobs. Isn't it amazing how the first customer God brought to their shop was a tailor who would need daily service?

The second customer was a little boy who ran home to get his school uniform to be ironed. The smile on his face brought happiness to an already exciting day.

Pray for the shop-owners and this new Christian business.



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