

# PRISONERS *for* CHRIST OUTREACH MINISTRIES



*At the New Delhi India Bible Society acquiring 350 New Testaments in the Hindi Language.*

## INDIA 2010

**NEW DELHI \* HYDERABAD \* VARANASI**

**Left to Right – Bob Jordan, Jamie Neault, Jeff McVey, Alex Ananenko, Greg Von Tobel, Nate Bean**

Our theme for this campaign is from *1 Corinthians 3:6, I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase*. Planting takes place in Varanasi (new ministry site), watering takes place in New Delhi (infant ministry site), and the increase is seen in Hyderabad (fruitful, established ministry site).

Our ministry model is to provide training, equipping, vision, and encouragement to our national teams wherever we have foreign ministry. To provide for year-around ministry we locate and train local missionaries in the specific work of prison ministry. When we come to a location we first are planting – seeing if the people, leadership, and locale will sustain prison ministry. Once planting has occurred we begin the watering part – nurturing, equipping, ongoing communications, to bring the area to where it can start bearing fruit. The payoff (as it were) is in seeing ministry thriving, carrying on month after month, year after year, with established volunteers and regularly scheduled ministry taking place consistently month after month. This trip to India is a microcosm of the PFC ministry model. We are forever grateful to our prayer and financial partners. Without the backing of the home-front, none of this could occur. But because of you, it did occur, and in the midst of economic uncertainty in America we were still able to minister abroad and continue advancing the kingdom of Heaven.

### Campaign Summary:

#### New Delhi

Prison	Attendance	Confessions
Central Prison	96 women	90

#### Hyderabad

Prison	Attendance	Confessions
Mahabubnager	270 men, 30 women	250
Warangle Prison	200 men, 70 women	175
Central Prison, Women	300 women	250
Central Prison, Men	400 men	200
Cherlapalli – 1 <sup>st</sup> Barracks	400 men	250
Cherlapalli – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Barracks	300 men	200
Karimnager Prison	250 men	245
Karimnager Prison	34 women	34
Nalgonda Prison	80 men, 10 women	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,900 men, 444 women</b>	<b>1,694</b>

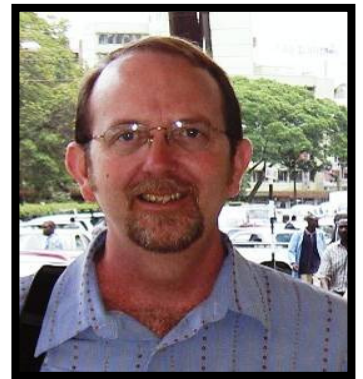
#### Varanasi

Prison	Attendance	Confessions
Juvenile Jail – 1 <sup>st</sup> Service	67 youth	67
Juvenile Jail – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	31 youth	31
Central Prison – 1 <sup>st</sup> Service	553 men	471
Central Prison – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	350 men	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>883 men, 98 youth</b>	<b>919</b>

All Prisons	Attendance	Confessions
<b>New Delhi * Hyderabad * Varanasi</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>2,703</b>

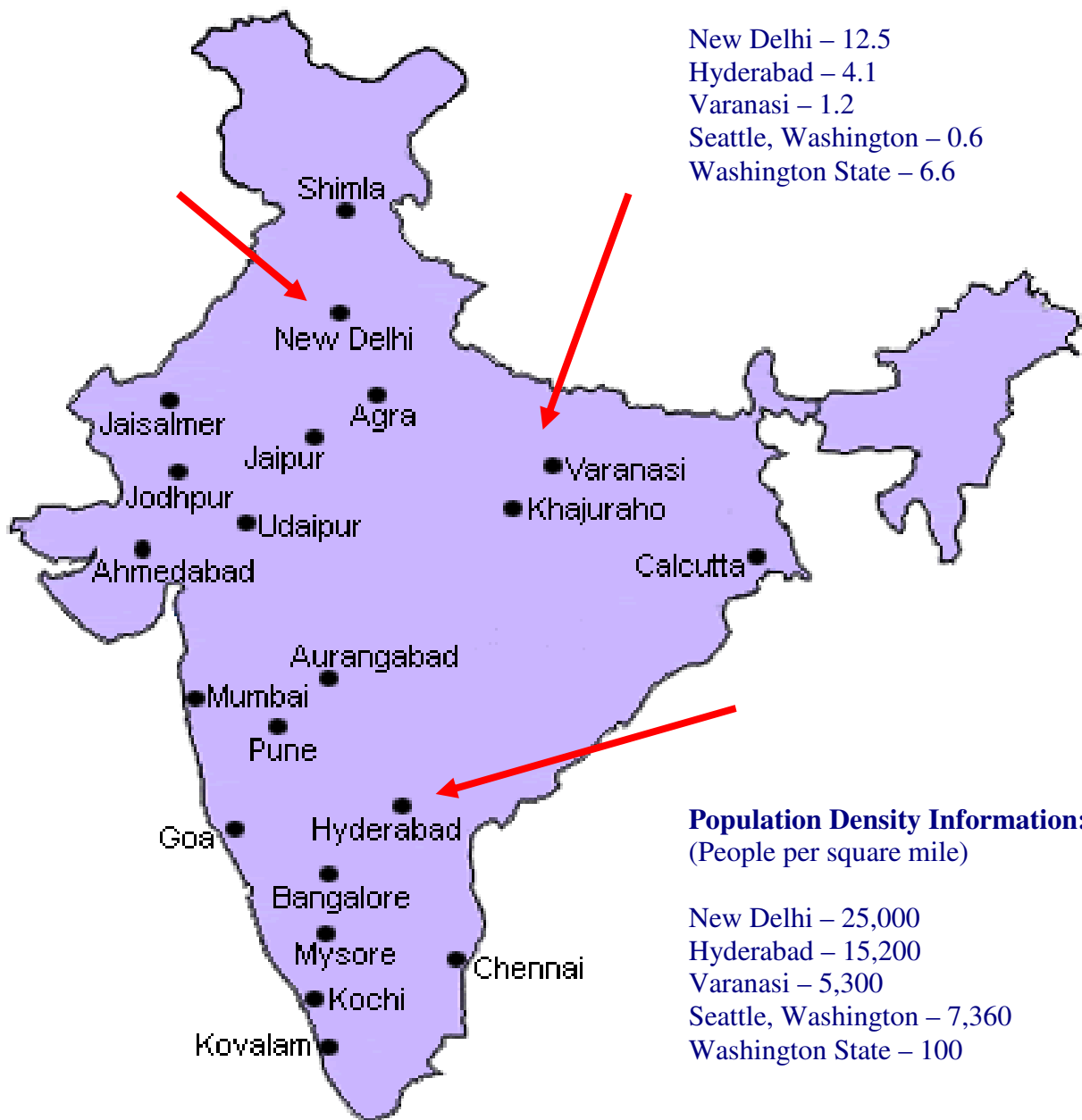
City	Conference Attendance
New Delhi	68
Hyderabad	64
Varanasi	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173</b>

**Campaign Coordinator** – Brother Alan Barrentine arranged flights, hotels, budgets, and much of the itinerary for this campaign. Alan is a veteran of multiple PFC international missions trips. Alan is an evangelist, ministering in word and worship throughout the State of Washington and around the world. He and his wife Alma make their home in Seattle, Washington. For this campaign Alan was the “Seventh Man.”



**Population Information:**  
(Millions)

New Delhi – 12.5  
Hyderabad – 4.1  
Varanasi – 1.2  
Seattle, Washington – 0.6  
Washington State – 6.6



**Population Density Information:**  
(People per square mile)

New Delhi – 25,000  
Hyderabad – 15,200  
Varanasi – 5,300  
Seattle, Washington – 7,360  
Washington State – 100



## Days 1, 2 (Nov 4, 5 – Thurs/Fri) Air Travel

– The team met at SeaTac International Airport in Seattle for the first leg of the trip, flying to Amsterdam. The night before we met at the PFC offices for packing of gifts and then out for a nice pizza dinner. The campaign team in the picture shows, standing, left to right: Nate Bean, Jamie Neault, Bob Jordan, Jeff McVey. Then, standing from right to left, Greg Von Tobel and Aleksey Ananenko. Visiting family for the meeting are, seated left to right, Susan Bean, Leslie Jordan, Sally McVey, and Rhonda Von Tobel. The young man standing between Jeff and Aleksey is Aleksey's son Vadim.



**Team Leader Jeff (left) and “Thumbs Up” Jamie!**

At the airport in Seattle Bob shared a devotional from the book of Acts, the first 14 chapters. A relevant missions verse was selected and the team took turns sharing what that verse meant to them. We then boarded the plane for the first nine hour flight to Amsterdam. Upon arriving in Amsterdam we sought to change Aleksey's seat location, and found that Bob's passport was missing. Eventually it was found in Greg's carry-on. How in the world did that happen??? We thanked the Lord for that! (the Amsterdam official who searched the plane and couldn't find it rolled his eyes when told him we found it and said “this always happens”... Probably thought “stupid Americans.”)

The flight from Amsterdam to New Delhi was uneventful (just as we like it). We arrived in New Delhi at the Indira Gandhi International Airport after 11pm local time, which was about 11am Seattle time. We were greeted by our missionary partners Pastor Simon Haqq and Pastor Joshua Gowda. We were driven to our hotel and bedded down for the night. Of course we drove down many dark alleys trying to find our location, which somehow we located. Then we unloaded the umpteen suit cases (most of which are filled with gifts for the orphanage children and prison officials and our national hosts). We finally had lights out at 3am local time.



**Alex, Nate, and Greg; Amsterdam Airport**

Greg had given us all an assignment at SeaTac – which was to read the entirety of Deuteronomy chapter 28. The chapter opens with all of the blessings that will come to those who serve God, avoid false gods, and do that which is right and pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Reading these first 14 verses one would have to be a rock-head to go any other route. Yet history shows what happens to the nations that ignore the word of the Lord, and follow after idols. From verse 15 through verse 64 we read of the multitude of cursings that befall a people who collectively ignore the Lord God. We see this very thing in so much of India, and it

is truly a heartbreaker. The Lord, rich in mercy, who desires relationship with people, brings cursing and hardship on those who turn another way. This is how it is, always has been, always will be. We are cognizant of this as we pursue the will of the Lord in our lives and ministries. May I challenge you to read the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy?

## *New Delhi*

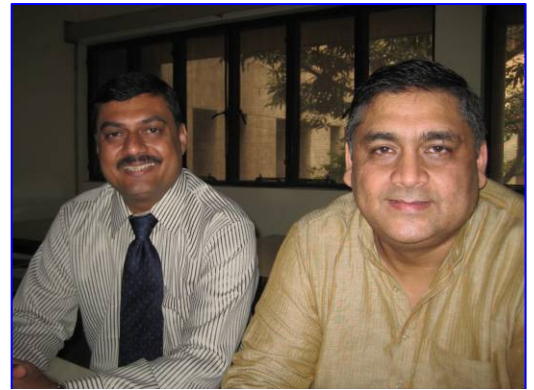
**Day 3 (Nov 6, Sat) – New Delhi Conference** – The team gathered with 68 national pastors, evangelists, and volunteers for our PFC Basic Training Conference. Here are the assignments and teaching schedule we followed, with each speaker taking between 15 and 20 minutes per subject:

Introductions and Opening; about PFC  
Why Do Prison Ministry?  
Code of Conduct  
The Four Divisions of PFC Ministry  
How to Start & Grow a Prison Ministry  
Recall and Reward  
Break  
The Importance of the PFC Network  
Working with Staff at the Prison  
What it is to be a Volunteer  
Group Leader Responsibilities  
Recall and Reward; Close  
Prayer Line; Consecration (30 min)

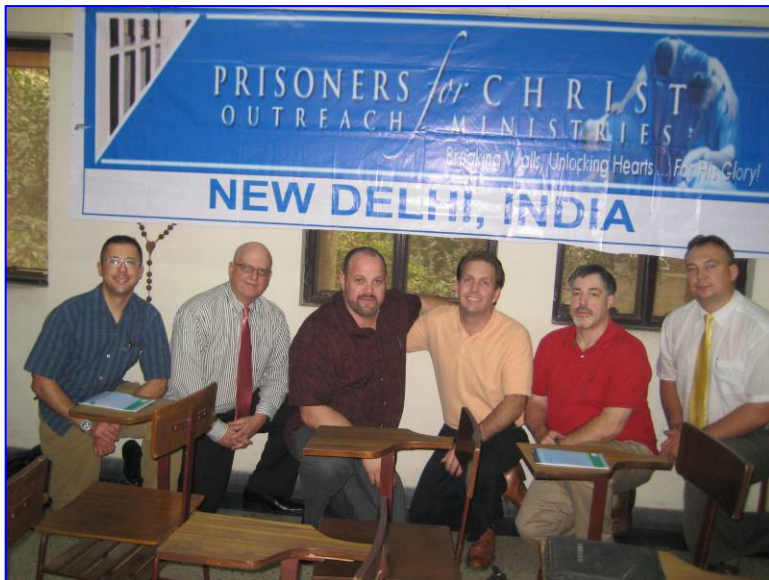
Greg Von Tobel  
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Greg Von Tobel  
American Team

The conference was a major success. All of the team shared in the teaching and all added their own experiences to their materials which made it personal and all the more relevant for the hearer. The attendees all took notes and were all engaged in the training. At the end, as is our custom, we have a call for those who sense the Spirit of the Lord moving them in the direction of participation in jail and prison ministry. The response to Greg's invitation was near unanimous, and each team member prayed individually for each person who came through the Pray of Consecration line.



**Pastor Joshua (left) and Pastor Simon**



**American Team after the Conference,  
from left: Jamie, Greg, Bob, Nate, Jeff, Alex**

Just for the record, the most important part of any PFC international missions trip is the conference training. It is the training aspect of our ministry that provides the foundation for our locals to minister in local jails and prisons all year long. PFC, from the beginning, is driven toward consistent, regular, standardized, effective, biblical ministry to the inmate community, be it in the United States or on foreign soil. The American team trained for many weeks in preparation for this and the PFC leadership team was very pleased with how it went. The goal is to establish our volunteers and then have local leaders carry the gospel into the jails and prisons of New Delhi.

**Day 4 (Nov 7, Sun) – Home Church** The team was invited to speak at Pastor Simon’s home church. We arrived after the service was underway; there were 30 present. Bob shared the main message entitled “Another Chance” from the life of Peter, mainly from the record in Matthew. This was a blessing to the Indians and the Americans. There were more songs and prayers.



**Nate and some of the Home Church folks.**

We then had an excellent lunch at Pastor Simon’s home. We’re all agreed that no one is going hungry on this trip! The American Team then watched a video presentation of Pastor Simon and Joshua’s vision for reaching Northern India, a land of over 700 million persons, from different people groups, cities, and languages. A daunting task, to say the least.

**Day 5 (Nov 8, Mon) – Women’s Prison** – The American team arose early to meet with the Indian team, including our lady volunteers. We drove an hour to a large prison, the same one PFC had been to in 2009. The superintendent greeted us and as was the case last year we had to leave our cameras in the taxi. We came in and there were 96 women, some with small children. The superintendent joined us for the service. One of our lady volunteers did the interpreting; a nice touch was having a lady addressing those assembled. Here was the order of service.

President/IGL Presentation  
Emcee  
Testimony  
Short Sermon  
Long Sermon  
Altar Call  
Healing Prayer  
Prayer for Inmate Church Leaders  
Gifts for Inmates

Jeff McVey  
Bob Jordan  
Nate Bean  
Jamie Neault  
Alex Ananenko  
Jeff McVey  
Jamie Neault  
Greg Von Tobel  
Bob Jordan

This is the format we use for all services. We do this to not only be effective and allow participation and preparation for our American Team, but also to model for our national prison ministry team and team leaders how to conduct an in-prison Christian church service. Any music or choir portion of the service will occur first, with the local missionary leading that. He then turns the service over to the American team and the Group Leader welcomes the congregation and gives some background on Prisoners For Christ.



**Superintendent Dayal with Brother Bob**

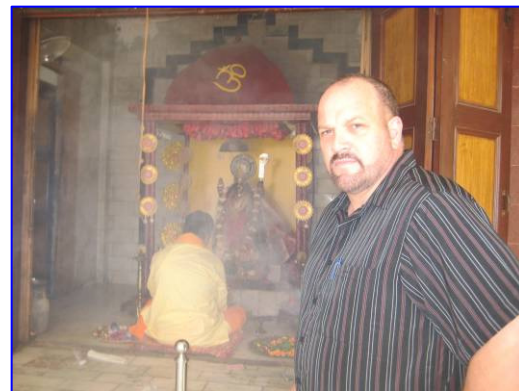
The Emcee then conducts the service. He’ll introduce each team member, provide an exhortation, and then introduce the next speaker along with a tidbit of what they’ll be sharing on or about. There are designated time frames for each role, and the emcee monitors the service. The main message for this service was brought by Alex, who ministered from John 3:16 and other key verses and the women received the word with interest and gladness. PFC always preaches a pro-Christ message versus an anti-Hindu or anti-Anything message. We are there to lift up Christ the Lord, and He is altogether attractive. The result was 90 women came forward for prayer and everyone came forward for healing prayer. Alex and



Bob were side-by-side with anointing oil praying for virtually everyone there. The others on the American team, specifically Jeff and Greg, were laying hands on the women and also praying for healing. (In this prison cameras were not allowed.)

One of the women there had a daughter, 28 years old, who was back in the cell block sick and not able to come to the service. Jamie and Nate went with some of our PFC lady volunteers and a lady officer to pray for her. During the prayer the woman yelled out loud in a loud shriek, and drooled at the mouth, and her eyes went into the back of her head so that only the whites were showing. The brothers prayed hard and the lady then went limp, then arose and asked for water. She was now in her right mind, and God had delivered her from demon possession. This is not unusual in India. Again, read through Deuteronomy chapter 28.

**Day 6 (Nov 9, Tues) – Slums; Children’s Orphanage** Before the day got underway Jamie and Bob ventured to the Hindu Temple that was on the same block as our residence. There was what looked to be the equivalent of a garbage dump occupying the front yard of the temple, thick with flies and refuse. There were worshippers there, and some Hindu priests sitting in front of the statues made with man’s hands and burning incense so thick one couldn’t get too close and still breathe. The priest just sits there for hours on end. Contrast that to Jesus of Nazareth, who went out to the highways and byways and met the need where it was, rather than sitting in some isolated room apart from people sitting cross-legged and sniffing incense all the live-long day. If thou thinks I’m being judgmental, read Deut. 28 again. Look at the poverty in India, the suffering, the misery, the unspeakable birth defects, then evaluate if I’m justified in my view of this rampant idolatry.



**Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Ex. 20:3**

The team then travelled to a district known to the local pastors as an exceedingly poor neighborhood. In many parts this would be called a slum. However, unlike the worst of the slums this neighborhood had a water pump on-site, some structures had hard walls and a roof, and the children had clothes. Yet in this grinding poverty we witnessed numerous shrines to Hindu gods, not a few being “mobile,” that is, portable temples on wheels that could be driven from place to place ostensibly for the purpose of being a blessing, but in reality, as the neighborhood bore testimony to, a place of darkness and want. To see little children covered in flies, goats openly urinating and more within feet of shanty homes, a



**Poverty of the Delhi Slums**



**“Mobile” Hindu Shrine**



**Nigerian Pastor, asst., Greg Von Tobel**

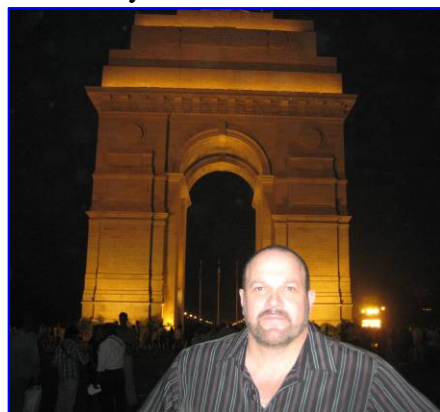
minimum of electricity and only common watering locations, and this day after day after day after day can cause even the most experienced missionary to feel the great distress of the area and openly weep for the poor. Before coming to the slum we met with a Nigerian pastor who was just completing a church service. His calling is to the slums of New Delhi and he had a handsome congregation

worshipping and praising the Lord and calling on God to help them to minister to the poor. This pastor was our guide in the slums as we toured and conducted what we call a “prayer walk.” The Prayer Walk is where we walk in neighborhoods and pray inwardly as the Spirit of God leads to be a blessing to the neighborhood.

From there we went to the Children’s Orphanage that our New Delhi hosts oversee. Again this year we met with our Ukrainian sisters and brothers who serve this orphanage. We brought an entire large suitcase full of gifts for the children, including crayons, coloring books, shampoos, pencils, sharpeners, chocolates, hard candies, bath soaps, and even a soccer ball. We had fun sticking our head into the suitcase and pulling out gifts as the children squealed with delight! There were 20 children there, boys and girls, and without this



**The American renegades with the New Delhi orphanage kids and staff, great fun!**



**Bob at the famous India Gate**

The team then departed to have dinner at the home of Pastor Joshua. On the way we passed the famous India Gate, a major attraction in New Delhi. To close out the evening we had dinner at the home our host Pastor Joshua with his family. We had prayer for the family and asked a blessing over the home.

home they would have no home at all. There are children there whose pastor parents were murdered in Orissa as the persecution of Christians was at a fever pitch a couple of years ago.

Four our skit (we did David and Goliath last year) we did the story of Zacchaeus. This was a major blessing for everyone! Nate played the role of Jesus, Bob was the coordinator for the skit, Brother Joshua interpreted, and the rest of the American team played the crowd. Jeff played the Sycamore tree, and handled his lines really well! ☺ We had a great time with this story, and the kids laughed and laughed! All too soon we had to leave, not before the team gathered all of the children, three or four to a person, and held them close and pronounced a blessing over them.



**Prayer at Pastor Joshua’s Home**



**Pastor and Mrs. Joshua Gowda**



**Day 7 (Nov 10, Wed) – Leper Colony** The Bible Bookstore was the first item on the day’s agenda. We acquired multiple boxes of Hindi language New Testament’s that were medium sized with sturdy black covers. The team will have these for our New Delhi ministry team, and 150 were taken with the team going to Varanasi. What was noteworthy was that this institution has been in existence since 1953. It was in excellent repair, had manicured lawns, shrubbery, and other attractive features on the grounds. This was in a dramatically stark contrast to the Hindu temples we visited in all cities. More on that later, but sufficient to say that the Christian properties are well-kept and the others sites are rife with refuse, disorder, and flies galore. The Bible teaches order and that God is not the author of confusion. It is a good Christian testimony to have all areas of our lives in order.

Since we were not able to return to a prison in New Delhi we took the opportunity to minister at a leper colony. These persons in the colony are cared for by the government and given medical care. Before



**Jeff preaching at leper colony**



**Alex distributing wool blankets**



**Pastor Joshua handing out Bibles**

going to the colony we shopped in Old Delhi and acquired 30 wool blankets of excellent quality all for under \$100. The lepers greeted us with gladness and we set out to have a Christian church service. Jamie emceed and Jeff brought the main message on the Prodigal Son. Greg closed the message and provided for the altar close. It was here that we distributed 10 of our newly acquired Bibles. We gave a blanket to each adult in the service, with Alex passing them out to each person.



**Hey, no monkey business!!!**

While in Old Delhi Jeff and Bob hopped on a rickshaw for a two block ride – sufficient to pass our teammates and gloat a little! The driver was working hard and Jeff and Bob are the size of linebackers (to use Jamie’s assessment), so when we asked what the fare was and he said “50” we gave him 100 Rupees. He deserved it!

Now it was back to the residence we were staying at to pack for in-country travel the next day. As a bonus on the way back to our residence we saw two men riding on a motorcycle (not uncommon) and with them was a full-size monkey (quite uncommon!). Ah, the sights of New Delhi.

Beginning the next day the team divided for dual ministry to be conducted in Varanasi (a new location for Prisoners For Christ) and Hyderabad (an established location for Prisoners For Christ). The Varanasi team is: Jeff McVey, Greg Von Tobel, Jamie Neault, Alex Ananenko. The Hyderabad team is Bob Jordan and Nate Bean.

## Hyderabad

**Day 8 (Nov 11, Thurs) – Air Travel; Mahabubnager Prison (180 miles of ground travel)** Bob and Nate arrived at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport after the two-hour flight from New Delhi and were promptly greeted by the local missionaries and team leader Dr. Prem Raj Varma. For Bob this is always a blessed time since he and Dr. Prem Raj stay in touch year around via weekly emails. Bob and Nate were presented colorful headdress, long necklaces, and a bouquet of multiple red roses! As we were preparing to load the luggage we noticed a commotion and beheld as an Indian Religious Leader (later learned to be Swamai What's-his-name – see picture) was being mobbed as his carriage was processing from baggage claim to his awaiting vehicle. He was whisked in while worshippers worshipped. He didn't even wave, he just got in and away he went. Of course Nate and Bob are standing there with their crowns, necklaces, and flowers and no one was mobbing us. Oh well... ☺.

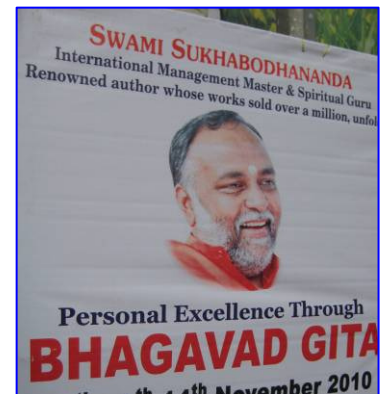


**Dr. Prem Raj, Bob, Sis. Hoglah, Nate**



**Stunt Driver Enoch Varma**

In one of the prisons and in our Conference Bob referenced the ol' Swami as a comparison to Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus went out into the highways and byways and found people with needs. He cleansed the leper, cast out demons, taught the people, blessed the children, lifted up the women, healed the crippled, raised the dead, and on and on. Contrast this to his Swaminess, who was shuttled to his awaiting limousine, hustled in while mobs of men, women, and children worked to just get a glimpse of him, having driven all the way to the airport to see him. He shook no hands, waved to no one, prayed for no one, talked to no one, looked at no one, and cared less for any of them. Just another pompous religious leader (we have them in America too) who is too busy for people and their issues. Not so the Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of people, and the Light of the World!



**Swami Too-Busy-For-You**

We proceeded to the prison, a good two hour drive. We went there directly from the airport and we were to see that Dr. Prem Raj our host, and Enoch his son and our driver, had our calendar packed to the gills. We arrived at the prison and there before 300 men and women Nate and Bob and Dr. Prem Raj got underway. Here's how Nate, Bob, and Dr. Prem Raj managed the services. Our Host was always Dr. Prem Raj. Nate and Bob traded off being Emcee and Speaker. In every service we had music. Sister Hoglah was present for all campaigns and sang in all prisons. Enoch took most of the pictures and video. This was a time to see "the increase" and that we did!



<b>Host</b>	Open, Introduce singers and musicians, acknowledge the Superintendent
<b>Emcee</b>	Introduction of the Team, About PFC, About this Trip, Personal Testimony, Prayer, Intro Speaker
<b>Speaker</b>	Exhortation, Preach the Long Message, Altar Call, Healing Prayer, Gift Presentation
<b>Host</b>	Close, Thank the Superintendent
<b>All</b>	Distribute Snacks (snacks were provided at all services, most of the time we handed them out but when time was tight we left them for the administration to distribute)

Bob was the Speaker for this service, and he shared from Acts 8 and 9, on “Being Changed,” using the life of Paul the Apostle. We used persons from the audience to assist and everyone seemed to enjoy it; once Bob dragged a person out of the crowd just as Paul dragged the new Christian men and women out of their homes for arrest. Then Bob used two other men as those who led away the now-blind Paul to the place where he was to fast and pray for three days. The illustration was thus – a life can be changed by Jesus Christ. Paul was a man of no conscience, no control, and no compassion. No one liked him and he had a reputation for being a mean man. But Jesus changed Paul and Jesus spoke to other believers that Paul was a Christian and to meet him and pray for him. We gave a clear gospel presentation. We invited those present to likewise have their lives changed, to hear from God, to be led of God. There was a 90% affirmative response to the altar call.



**“Blinded Paul” being led by the brothers on the Damascus Road...**

Now concerning altar calls on foreign lands, one may well look with a skeptical eye on numbers like these. We know that India is steeped in Hinduism, with anything and everything being a god. Yet on



**Nate leading the closing prayer.**

our campaigns in India we stress very hard the pure gospel message. We take the time to explain it. We ask for first-time responders to acknowledge that. Further, the prisons we concentrated on had overwhelming men and women who are “under trial,” or “remand.” This means that they have not been found guilty and the turnover rate among these prisoners is very high. Thus 80% of the prisoners are new to the prison every month, and fully half are new week-to-week. So it is not like they are saying “yes” to Jesus week after week after week. Something to consider. There are “convicted” inmates as well, but we concentrated on those prisons that had the greater majority of “under trial” prisoners. We present the gospel, we ask for a response, and we get it. We leave the matter with

the Lord, but this is to show you the process and background of the numbers we report.



**Day 9 (Nov 12, Fri) – Warangle Prison (200 miles of ground travel)** We left at 10am this day for the long drive to the Warangle Prison. Driving 100 miles one-way may sound easy with an American view-point. But the roads here are not as well maintained as in America and we have speed bumps to deal with. There are only two lanes so there's a lot of passing of lorry trucks, Mopeds, cattle carts, and goat herds, slowing in the towns, and thus it takes about three hours to cover 100 miles!!



**Superintendent Johnson, Warangle Prison**

We arrived intending on having lunch with Superintendent Johnson, a Christian man who showed our team much kindness in 2009. As it turns out Mr. Johnson was hosting a Prison Officials Retreat, with correctional officers from all over the region in attendance. Sup. Johnson asked Bob to address the delegation, speaking on leadership. So

before some 100 Indian prison officers Bob spoke for about 10 minutes on the Five Levels of Leadership and how that applies to the work of the prison officials, referencing Mahatma Gandhi as a level 5 leader, to the applause of all.



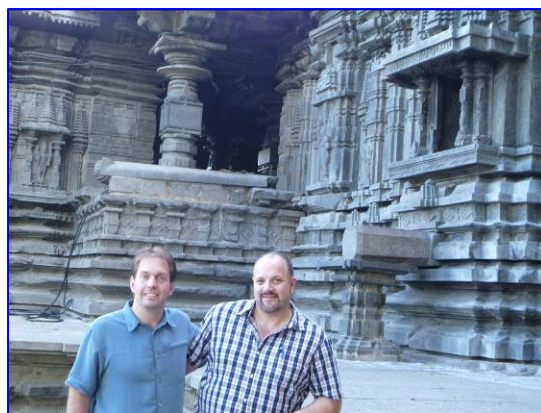
**Bob addressing 100+ Indian Prison Officials**



**Women and children; men; Wrangle Prison**

Nate and Bob then proceeding with Dr. Prem Raj and the volunteers to conduct the prison service. We had the women with the men this time, some 300 in all (70 of which were women). Bob preached the message on "I Believe," citing both men and women from the Bible who had to answer Jesus' question as to who he was and what they believed. Two men, Peter and the blind man in the temple, and the woman at the well and Mary and Martha at the death of Lazarus. God blessed this service and the response was around 70% when the invitation was given. After the service we returned to Sup. Johnson's office and were served an enormous lunch (by the way all meals in India are generous and enormous).

In Warangle was a Hindu Temple called the 1000 Pillars. This temple was constructed hundreds of years ago and was black, had room that were dark and dank, and idolatry was the order of the day. Our host Dr. Prem Raj explained much of this to us, and some of the history of the temple. He himself was Hindu, being converted to Christ at age 34 (largely due to the influence of his wife). One could not help but admire the intricate carvings, and just the sheer number of carvings. But it is all for idol worship. There is a life size cow carving that worshippers take some colorful organic material and sprinkle on what remains of the cow. The organic material attracts flies, and there were flies all over the place. Walking into the temple we noted priests with the requisite incense and powders worshipping an idol made with man's hands.



**Nate and Bob at "1000 Pillars" Hindu Temple**

**Day 10 (Nov 13, Sat) – Women’s Central Prison, Hyderabad; Men’s Central Prison, Hyderabad (local)**

The lady Superintendent asked Bob what things are different regarding the administration of American prisons and Indian Prisons. He first noted for her that both administrations are intent on the welfare of the prisoners and both government feed inmates and allow visitors, including outside organizations such as Prisoners For Christ. Then he shared that while the Indian prisons allow mothers to have their children with them at all times (up to age six), the American prisons do not. She was shocked that Americans would take children away from their mothers. Another difference is that American volunteers are not allowed to have contact with inmate families on the outside. This surprised not only the Superintendent, but also our host Dr. Prem Raj, who takes care of children of condemned inmates when the inmates ask him to. One final difference shared was that it is very, very rare for a volunteer to meet a prison superintendent; whereas in India every prison we have been to we have met the superintendent. The superintendents in India also wear sharp uniforms, whereas in America they wear business attire, and only the correctional officers wear uniforms.



**Sharing gifts with the Superintendent.**



**Happy kids and thus happy moms in prison.**

response was virtually unanimous. Nate and Bob were blessed beyond measure at how kind the Lord really is toward the women and children.

The message was brought by Bob, focusing on “God Knows Your Name.” Bob began by walking through the assembly passing our lollypops to the children, to the delight of all. He then used the occasion of Mary Magdalene at the tomb, who, when Jesus appeared said “Mary.” She then recognized him, and was commissioned to go tell the others. Bob shared how the women were the only ones to witness the crucifixion, how they were the only ones to visit the tomb after Jesus’ burial, and were the ones to tell the others that Christ the Lord was risen. We hammered away on the kindness of God and how He feels toward the women. At the invitation the

Nate and Bob proceeded across the street to the Men’s Central Prison in Hyderabad. Nate preached a powerful message that again brought a great response from them men. God was moving in our midst and it was wonderful to behold. Nate has the calling of an Evangelist – his burden is to see men and women come to Christ. Nate’s messages had the consistent theme of the reality of God, the reality of sin, and the one way sin can be atoned for, and that is the perfect blood of Christ Jesus the Righteous. In a direct manner, Nate presents the gospel and the Spirit of God uses this to convict people of their sin. Before over 400 persons the message was delivered and there was much prayer at the altar, with much laying on of hands.



**Musicians, singers, pastors interpreters...**



From the prison Nate and Bob visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. Prem Raj. Their daughter was there and of course our stunt driver Enoch their son was also their. Bob and Monica reviewed Bob's website and he showed her the pictures of all of his children. It was a blessing to see the family unified, orderly, consistent, and gracious. This, like at Pastor Joshua's home with his wife and son and daughter, was an example of what a Christian home should be like. Mrs. Prem Raj (Salomie) and Dr. Prem Raj have Salomie's sister living with them. Again, an example of Christian charity and concern.

Directly after dinner with the Varma family we departed to attend a gala event, a Christian Indian Wedding. The groom was the nephew of Superintendent Johnson from the Warangle Prison (and Retreat host). He wanted Bob to speak during the wedding. There were hundreds and hundreds of people there. They even shuttled Bob around to the front side of the church and called the minister over during the service and talked to him about Bob speaking. The minister said (wisely) that since the service was underway and he didn't know Bob directly to have him speak at the reception, which was fine with Bob. So after the bride and groom had changed clothes and were receiving attendees they had a parade of speakers come to the dais. Then the emcee said "Would Bob Jordan please come up to the dais?"



**Auntie, Monica, Salomie, Prem Raj, Nate, Enoch**

So Brother Bob got up and shared that this couple was at the beginning of what should be a heaven-on-earth experience, and how the home is to be a reflection of Christ and His church. Bob charged the older men to mentor the groom, and assist him as a husband, and for the older women to teach the bride how to love her husband. All seemed to go well and Superintendent Johnson and his many brothers (one of who was the father of the groom) thanked Nate and Bob for being there. By the time Nate and Bob got back to the hotel it was after 11pm, but they learned that the bride and groom, Ruth and Joseph, left well after midnight. There were fireworks in the sky (called "busting crackers" in India), food as far as the eye could see, and the Indians really take weddings seriously! One other cool note, Nate and Bob provided gift bags to all Superintendents. On the day before the wedding Nate and Bob presented gifts to Superintendent Johnson, including two neckties. We suggested he wear one of them to the wedding, and, sure enough, he did!



**Wedding in the Church**



**Bride and Groom at Reception**



**Bob sharing at the reception**



### **Day 11 (Nov 14, Sun) – Cherlapalli Prison (2 services); Children's Hostel (local)**

Nate and Bob started early and did two back-to-back services at the Cherlapalli Prison. In the first service Nate was the emcee, sharing his personal testimony and introducing the ministry. As always we had music and singing; Prem Raj has 27 volunteers he supervises and as many as could came with us, sometimes some more than others as we travelled at a distance, but always one or more volunteers were with us. Sister Hoglah is a tireless worker in the prisons along side of Dr. Prem Raj and his other key volunteers. She sang in every service and though it was in the Telegu the men and women always sang along and her ministry was a blessing the entire time we were in Hyderabad. For the first



**Brother Bob the Teacher; Brother Nate the Evangelist**

service Bob preached on the Prodigal Son, using men in the audience as the lost son (one before, one after – with a beard for the second guy!), some people for the swine owners who wouldn't let the son eat even the husks he was feeding to the pigs. The response again was overwhelming. We were on a tight schedule and were not able to distribute the snacks to the inmates, but we left them for the authorities to dispense. Snacks were always a hit and is a tradition in Hyderabad so we accommodate.

Nate preached the second service, sharing a clear gospel message that was understood by all. Bob was emcee and shared his personal testimony as per usual for the emcee. The response to Nate's message was again overwhelming. Beloved, believe us when we say that our invitations are not intended to be replied to casually. We articulate as best we can the matter before us and the inmates, and yet still the men and women come forward in droves, wanting personal prayer, wanting us to lay hands on them, wanting a touch from the God of Heaven.



**From left: Sister Hoglah, wife of Supt., son of Supt., Superintendent, Bob, Dr. Prem Raj, Nate**

At the conclusion of the services we visited the home of the prison Superintendent and his family (we did this last year also). We had some excellent sweets (Hyderabad is famous for its sweets) and refreshments, and Nate and Bob presented gifts again to the Superintendent. His wife was a bit under the weather, but still served as hostess and saw to Nate and Bob's comfort, and all of the prison volunteer's comfort as well. The hospitality of the Indian Christians has made a consistent positive impression on all of our teams over the years.

For the evening we journeyed to the Children's Hostel. Last year there were 20 children, this year there are 27. We saw the bunkbeds PFC supplied last year and it was a major blessing. A great many of the Hyderabad prison volunteers were there that night, and Nate and Bob were greeting with their very own banner announcing their arrival! Nate and Bob both felt like an Indian big-shot, as many banners in the cities show religious or political leaders with their smiling faces – and Nate and Bob's were there along with the rest of them!



The night at the Hostel was special. We began with singing and prayers, then the children did a dance routine, choreographed, which was a blessing. Then they did a skit of The Good Samaritan that caused much laughter for everyone present! The skit was narrated by Dr. Prem Raj who did a masterful job, building the suspense and telling the story. A group of the boys mugged another boy who had a purse, and the mob stole the purse leaving the mugged boy on the ground, wounded and bleeding. The first person comes by, sees the injured man, and by-passes him. The next person comes by (a priest), and sees the wounded man, and he too by-passes him (with Dr. Prem Raj saying “oh, I can't touch him, I may be then unclean, no, I must pass by...”) with Bob and Nate howling and everyone having a blast. Then one of the boys makes like a donkey with another boy riding him. This was hysterical! He dismounts, attends to the man (with Dr. Prem Raj again saying things like “oh, this man is wounded, I must get him onto my donkey and take him to the inn for treatment...”). Well, everyone is laughing and having a grand time! The wounded boy rides off on the donkey and this alone was worth the price of admission, absolutely a riot! The man with the donkey (the Good Samaritan) makes arrangements to pay the innkeeper and on goes the story, to the delight of everyone!



**The Good Samaritan riding in on a donkey!**



**While donkey stays put, Good Samaritan aids the beaten man!**

After this Bob goes over to the suitcase of gifts and pretends to try to lift it but he can't budge it, with Dr. Prem Raj saying into the microphone “oh, the gift bag is too heavy to lift, there must be much gifts inside, it is too heavy to lift...” and the girls and boys are squealing. So we pull out the gifts one by one and eventually get through them all, with the kids overjoyed. We not only had coloring books,



crayons, pencils, erasers, shampoos, small balls, a volleyball, other toys, but also six very colorful handbags and a large assortment of greeting cards for the kids to use to write to parents in the prison. These handbags and greeting cards were all hand-made by Bob's co-worker Windy and donated for this missions trip.



Then Nate and Bob did the skit "Zacchaeus" with Nate playing Jesus and Bob narrating. The kids really enjoyed the time, just like in New Delhi, with fun and laughter being the order of the day. As we closed out the skit Bob shared with the kids in a serious moment how, like Zacchaeus, sometimes grown-ups do things and say things that they later regret and are sorry for. For us, we are to forgive and not harbor bitterness, because like Zacchaeus God is a friend of the sinner and there is forgiveness from God toward us, and it pleases the Lord Jesus when we, like Him, forgive others. We then

**"Zacchaeus, come down, I must dine with you"**

shared a meal together, enjoyed more Christian fellowship, and then all too soon had to depart. The kids called Brother Bob "Uncle" since that's promoted by Dr. Prem Raj. May we kindly add that gifts can be made to PFC and designated for "Children's Hostel" and it will be received by the Hostel and put to very good use (they now have beds, but they need a dinner table or tables, in addition to the normal expenses of such a place). What a blessed night this was!



**14 Heavy Duty Bunk Beds (shared); Food!**





### Day 12 (Nov 15, Mon) – Karimnager Prison (250 miles of ground travel)

This was the longest drive day of the entire Hyderabad campaign. En route the team came upon a funeral procession in one of the little towns we passed through. In Hindu tradition it is considered good luck if a funeral procession passes in front of your path. The person on the litter looked to be very small, perhaps an older man or woman, or even a young adult.



When we arrived at the prison the Superintendent recognized Brother Bob from the Wrangle Prison Retreat, and during our time there at least three officers came up to Bob smiling saying “Wrangle!”

What a blessing that they’d remember our team! Brother Bob emceed the session. Brother Nate preached the main message, giving a powerful gospel witness with another excellent response. One of the men in an orange turban (see photo) was locked onto Nate the entire service, and was the first to raise his hand at the invitation. Praise the Lord!!



After this as we were leaving the Superintendent offered for Nate and Bob to visit the women. Bob again gave out a few lollipops and shared a brief message. We had prayer together after the invitation and Nate and Bob laid hands on each



woman’s head as we prayed down the line for each of them. May God have mercy on these women, some of whom are in prison for killing their own husbands, husbands who forced them into prostitution for income, or who beat them regularly. This is a sad spiral, and the devil plays for keeps. Beloved, eschew sin and live holy!

We drove back to Hyderabad at breakneck speed, finally asking our stunt driver Enoch to back it off some. We hit 125 kilometers per hour on the gage, which is about 75 miles per hour, and on our two-lane road with speed bumps, some potholes, and other traffic, couldn’t be maintained for long. But there it is, the way things are in India!

### Day 13 (Nov 16, Tue) – Nalgonda Prison; Conference (190 miles of ground travel)

The Superintendent contacted Dr. Prem Raj saying he was specifically going to be at the prison to receive us. We had considered cancelling this service the day before so that we could attend a local jail instead, knowing we had the Conference later that evening. But the call from the Superintendent showed the need to arrive as we said we’d do and had already been planned. So at exactly 7am Bob, Nate, and Enoch left the hotel to rendezvous with Dr. Prem Raj and Sister Hoglah and another pastor for the drive to Nalgonda.



Sister Hoglah singing; Supt. seated far left

This was the prison where in 2007 a Hindu man using a walker just watched our team and did not come forward for prayer. In 2009 this man did come forward for prayer, and walked away without his walker! In fact, he was holding it up over his head. This year there was no walker either!

The team had a quick breakfast, the best breakfast we had our entire time in Hyderabad. A special crepe type dish with vegetables and hash brown like potatoes inside. Very tasty!

Nate was scheduled for the main message. He preached from Mark on the Rich Young Ruler. Nate requested prayer beforehand as he had been fighting a cold and congestion and we were nearing the end of the campaign and had done a lot of driving. The Lord sustained Nate and the message was excellent. Bob did the altar close, sharing how with Jesus there is life and peace, and that it was our decision. Bob shared that the Rich Young Ruler, who had money and position, walked away from Jesus sad. That's how it is when confronted by Christ and rejecting him, one goes away sad. All the money in the world will not change that. The response to the altar call was again amazing, and we thank and praise the Spirit of God for his mercy shown toward the prisoner.



**Dr. Prem Raj introducing Nate and Bob**

As is our custom we provide sweets and treats. We had some chip type treats that resembled trail mix.



Bob would pour from the bag into the inmate's cupped hands. Some inmates only cupped one hand, and they received a little. Some cupped two hands together, and received more. Some used a shawl as a catch material, and received yet more. Some rushed by, some stopped to receive. One can draw a spiritual lesson here. God is a faith God. How much faith do you have to receive? One cupped hand? Two? Are you racing by or do you have time to stop and meditate and worship and wait upon the Lord? Think on it Beloved! We also provided a volleyball, to the delight of officer and inmate as shown in the action shot picture!

After leaving Nalgonda we quite literally rushed back to the hotel to shower and change, gather our Conference materials, and head out the door. We arrived while the singing was already underway, and Nate and Bob proceeded to teach a 2.5 hour straight Discipleship Seminar to over 70 delegates from near and far. Here is the itinerary for Conference:

Introductions and Opening, About PFC  
Mentoring Christian Prisoners  
Teaching Christian Doctrine  
Dealing with Prisoner Behavior  
Recap of Hyderabad Prison Campaign  
Dealing with Prisoner Families  
Concerning Preaching and Teaching  
Evangelism and Discipleship  
Prayer of Consecration

Bob  
Nate  
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Nate  
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Nate  
Bob



PFC provided handout notes for all conferences on this campaign. The delegates were diligent to take their own notes as well, which is always rewarding for those who prepared for and teach the conference. Dr. Prem Raj thought it best to allow the singing gifted prison volunteers participate in the worship and a good amount of time was devoted to worship and praise.

Bob and Nate got underway and put the emphasis on the teaching side of ministry, which is the focus of discipleship. We shared numerous biblical admonitions to teach and to learn. In the natural Bob and Nate used the example of someone from America being dropped off in India on their own and expecting to succeed – without knowing the language, currency, customs, laws, and having no fellowship of persons to help them. Same thing when a person comes into the kingdom of Heaven out of the kingdom of darkness. They think like “darkness” but are now in the kingdom of Light. Without teaching, training, mentoring, coaching, or example; and certainly without a Bible, how does one expect the new convert, especially the prisoner convert, to succeed? We worked this theme over and over. Afterward, the delegation came up to Nate and Bob expressing appreciation at what was taught and how it was taught. There was much merriment and fun during the conference as Bob and Nate added in some things here and there to encourage the brethren and strengthen the brethren while keeping things interesting!

At the conclusion of the training we enjoyed a delightful Indian dish called Tandoori Chicken. It is the best tasting chicken in the world, hands down!!! We were served delicious desserts too, topped with ice cream. Nate and Bob confess to having a double portion!



*Enoch*

*The Prince  
of  
Hyderabad*

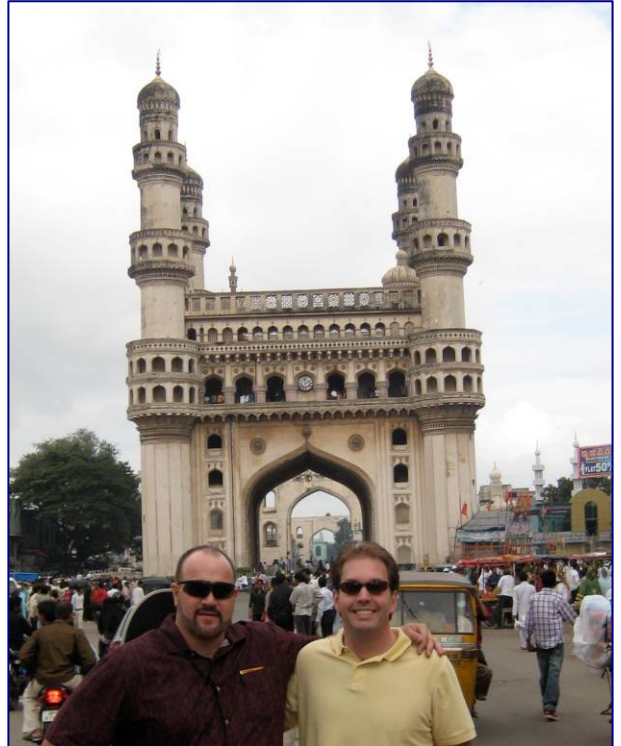


### Day 14 (Nov 17, Wed) – Air Travel

This was a light day for Bob and Nate, and very welcome indeed! They really poured it on this week in Hyderabad and they and their hosts Dr. Prem Raj and Enoch, as well as Sister Hoglah, were pretty well spent. Had our team stayed for two weeks we would have pursued yet even more prisons, but perhaps eased back on the pace. Certainly the limitations of the body came into play for all involved. But to God be the glory, great things He has done!

We conducted an audit of the ministry as always. Though time did not allow a personal visit, we were able to contact via phone the Director General of Prisons for Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Reddy, and thank him for allowing us such liberty in the prisons and to share our regrets as not having met with him on this campaign. He was very gracious and it was very strategic of our host Dr. Prem Raj to arrange this call. This serves to strengthen the ministry and pave the way for yet more ministry in this State in the years ahead. We of course edified Dr. Prem Raj with the Director and that is a good thing for the ongoing work of the ministry that is carried out week after week.

Since it was on the way our hosts took Nate and Bob on a tour of Charminar, a famous Hyderabad attraction. Char means “four” and minar means “tower.” Nate and Bob climbed it and took video and pictures. Shortly afterward we were at the airport. With tears and sadness we bid farewell to our hosts, but said it was only a temporary good bye as we’ll be back. We departed Hyderabad to return to meet our team in New Delhi, who were flying in from Varanasi at almost the same time.



**Good bye for now beloved Enoch, Sister Hoglah, Dr. Prem Raj... but we'll be back and we're praying for you!!**



**Thank you from all of us. Brother Bob, Enoch Raj, Dr. Prem Raj, Brother Nate. God bless you**

For this entire India campaign our costs came in at \$28,000. This is the price of sustained evangelism and discipleship ministry and training for overseas campaigns. We had between 150 and 200 donor families participate in this event. We are grateful beyond words. We see the results of these labors. From all of us at Prisoners For Christ, THANK YOU!!!

## Varanasi

This campaign section will be added shortly, in narrative format, with pictures accompanying. Stand by! Bob and Nate were not on this part of the trip. Our local team of Pastor Joshua and Simon accompanied our American teammates of Jeff McVey, Greg Von Tobel, Jamie Neault, and Alex Ananenko.

### **Day 15 (Nov 18, Thur) – Shopping**

PFC historically reserves the last day of the campaign to be a day to sleep in, pack, go shopping locally, maybe take in a sight or two. This is what we did, visiting the Old Delhi region and seeing from a distance the enormous Red Fort of New Delhi. After shopping we returned to the residence and cleaned up, packed up, gave gifts to our hosts Pastor Joshua and Simon, and headed to the airport.

### **Day 16 (Nov 19, Fri) – Air Travel**

The agenda today is a full day of air travel. The first leg of the flight was from New Delhi to Amsterdam on a Boeing 747. Pretty well packed. We used this leg to get some sleep, seeing as how when we boarded it was 1am local time, Friday, Nov 19. We are now chasing the sun. We landed in Amsterdam in the early morning local time. On the flight Bob had read on his stored Blackberry email a lesson prepared by his close friend and fellow prison teacher/preacher Dr. Bob Segress on the subject of Heaven. It was a very moving lesson in light of what our team saw in India. For your edification Bob Segress's complete lesson is reproduced here, with Bob Jordan's comments in italics. This became the devotional the team shared together in Amsterdam.

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Prisoners for Christ - Dr. Bob Segress

It is often said that the Bible does not contain much about Heaven. After two nights in a row of waking with a burning desire to know what is said about Heaven, where my mother is living, I researched the subject.

I found out the Bible actually has a lot to say about Heaven and a Christian's relationship to Heaven. The word Heaven is used some 650 times in the Bible, with at least eight passages that describe Heaven's reality. And there is a passage that evidently says that Heaven is not a believer's final home. (This is a shocking discovery to some. Rev. 21:1 says our final home will be a "new" heaven.)

### Heaven

1. The first and most important fact about Heaven to many, including myself, is that we will be AT HOME with the Lord Almighty. (All the quotations are from the NASB).

II Corinthians 5:8 - "we prefer rather to be absent from the body and at home with the Lord"

*The false gods of India, some 30 million, offer nothing like this.*

2. We are to be A TROPHY for "the ages to come of His grace in kindness".

Ephesians 2:7 - "in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus"

*Idols made by hands are not the trophy of the Lord.*

3. We will EAT AND DRINK in Heaven.



Luke 22:30 - “you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom”

*Many in India are malnourished. There will be plenty of food and drink in Heaven, with no lack.*

4. We have A DWELLING PLACE ( no one will be out on the street, which is gold)

John 14:2 - “. . . many dwelling places . . . I go to prepare a place for you”

*Many in India do not have a dwelling place. As we share Christ and men and women are converted, they have a home awaiting them.*

5. There is A STREET OF PURE GOLD

Revelations 21:21 - “and the street of the city was pure gold”

*The streets we traveled on in India had litter and holes. Not so in Heaven.*

6. OUR NAMES are recorded in Heaven

Luke 10:20 - “. . . rejoice that your names are recorded in Heaven”

*God knows our name. False gods in India are believed to “always be asleep, and only when you get their attention is there a chance to be blessed.” These false gods know no name.*

7. We have CITIZENSHIP in Heaven

Philippians 3:20 - “our citizenship is in Heaven”

*We are wanted and we belong. There are no orphans in Heaven. All are wanted and loved.*

8. We are written in THE BOOK OF LIFE

Revelations 21:27 - “. . . only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life”

*This is why we come to India – to reveal Heaven to the prisoner, the forgiveness of sins.*

THEN COMES OUR FINAL HOME:

Revelations 21:1-4 - “I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth passed away. And, there is no longer any sea. And, I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made as a bride adorned for her husband and I heard a loud voice say, “Behold the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death: there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain: the first things have passed away.”

*There is great misery in India. Unspeakable birth defects, poverty, want, deprivation. The country is highly advanced on the one hand, yet for many there is the daily grind of surviving and much heartache and disappointment. The slums, with portable idol temples and fixed idol temples, continue in a situation where there is no improvement, no hope, no blessing, and no satisfaction.*

What is the new heaven and the new earth going to be like?

There seems to be a clue when He says we shall “eat and drink in His Kingdom”. - Luke 22:30

Many of the great theologians say that the new heaven and earth will be like the present without the effects of the Fall [of man, in Eden]. (The wonderful color paintings, the awesome handwork, such as valleys and mountains, the energetic creatures He creates such as birds and fish.) Only without the effects of the Fall such as child abuse, women that are raped, and cancers that devastate.

*Sex slavery, abuse of children, all were discussed with us by our hosts. It is a problem with no answer as long as men are subject to the effects of the Fall of Man and are not converted to Christ and changed.*

What an anticipation to no longer see addictions and their pain (80% of all felonies are related to alcohol and drugs).

*In prison work we see this all too often, and it's a heartbreaker with no snap answer.*

What a joy to no longer see dull eyed children.

*This hit me the hardest, and many things in this lesson hit hard. At the wedding in Hyderabad I beheld a little girl, cute and full of life, but a hunchback with grossly deformed features. This is her life. Other children, innocent, victims of birth defects that are not their fault, but man wants to worship idols, and reject the God of Heaven. Deut. 28 is a chapter worth reading a few dozen times.*

Mothers' will no longer cry for their children and the tragic choices that they are making.

*No one cries like a mother.*

Cancer will no longer ravish women, men, children and our lives.

*God let this day come quickly!*

We will be with Him. His love for us will no longer be obscured by our lusts and pain. His loving presence will be continual and no longer experienced in rare moments. Faith will be fulfilled.

*If Christians really knew the effects of sin we wouldn't get near it with a 10-foot pole.*

Peace will be the sea we swim in. Joy will be our essence.

*We are committed to the work in India. World without end, amen.*



The team arrived without incident at SeaTac airport. We loved being in India, yet it was also good to be back home. We now start counting the days until we go back to the great nation of India!

*Bob Jordan*



## Dedication

This campaign to India is dedicated to **Dr. R. Dennis Wilson** (1953 – 2010). Dennis was a veteran of three India missionary campaigns, twice with PFC and once with his home church, Calvary Chapel of Shelton, Washington. Through Dennis's influence PFC made contact with its key New Delhi leadership team. Dennis was missed greatly on this trip – his wit, humor, biblical knowledge, and medical expertise all made him a most valued campaigner. A humble man, Dennis had a measured IQ at the genius level, was a former army officer, had an earned doctorate in theology, and was a licensed nurse. Dennis is most missed on the missions field as a prayer warrior; one who was sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit. He is also missed in the prisons of Washington State, where he ministered multiple times per month.



***“Well done, good and faithful servant.” Matthew 25:23***