

GOSPEL LIGHT BAPTIST MISSION INDIA

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. (Isaiah 45:22)

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Deuteronomy 32:1

Dear Pastor Shackelford and Church Family,

Greetings from south India. Having returned to India, jet lag is well past and I am keeping a full schedule.

I arrived back just in time to attend the funeral service of a pastor that was trained under our ministry, His wife and three sons were a part of our lives for many years. Pastor Oscar and his wife were thrown from their motor scooter. Shanthi survived, though is outwardly very bruised, and surely the same inwardly. Shanthi has returned to worship here with us. Jeremiah 29:11 for widows too!

I've never taught a series about marriage, but this topic was requested and is being received well. Being a widow now, there are things I know more deeply than ever. The class challenges, but also encourages. Class never passes without a hearty laugh or two; there are happy, even funny things about marriage.

As I write, we have a team working intensively on translation of the Kannada Bible. It was a prayer and burden of my husband for many years. About the time of his passing, a team was beginning to take shape. Within the ministry, we have several Bible institute graduates that are fluent in English and Kannada for this undertaking. We have had 3 men from the United Kingdom and the United States here assisting and guiding, to ensure the best translation possible. The consensus is that their help and teaching is invaluable; we are grateful for their sacrificial help on this mammoth project.

One of the men, a pastor, that also serves with the Trinitarian Bible Society in the UK preached Sunday about God's Word; it was profoundly inspiring to the church. The main text was Habakkuk 2:18-20. He spoke of the gods throughout this nation that cannot compare with our God that hears, breathes and sees. Habakkuk 2:20 *But the LORD is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.*

As you read this, my Werner family is preparing to return to the states for about 6 months. They will be visiting churches, but also endeavoring to spend time with family. Please pray for their journey home, that it be safe and relatively uneventful.

Please pray for my ministries too, that I will be able to meet my responsibilities with grace and wisdom. I have a particular burden to reach women that were once faithful and involved but are not consistent anymore. These are often first-generation Christians so they have not seen patterns of faithfulness within their families. I hope the LORD will use me in this. Entire families are at stake. While much of my ministry is based in Mangalore, the work stretches throughout southern India where many churches worship, led by pastors disciples and trained through Mangalore Baptist Bible Institute.

Here are other areas I would appreciate your joining in prayer with me for this year:

- An Indian national pastor for the church at Kulshekar, giving us more freedom for outreach.
- Please pray for Shanthi as her body and spirit continue healing, as she begins widowhood.
- Young man, Ashik, he has a growth of some sort on his brain; please pray it goes away.
- Another module begins the day after the Werners leave, taught by Dr. George Rundle and Pastor Matt Gerber. This module system is yielding great results for nearly 2 decades now.
- Wisdom and health to fulfill my calling.
- We have vehicle and property needs.
- Pastor Zachary, India, and the gang; they travel on Sunday, the 2nd, directly to a mission's conference in Georgia, before they return to Florida.
- Please pray for the ladies, for spiritual growth and understanding as women, wives and mothers.

Thank you for your part in this work; the LORD has used you to reach many. I have included a few pictures this month. If you would like to see occasional video shorts from the field, please let me know by sending me an email address.

Please be super mindful to protect our letters. With advancing technology, including artificial intelligence, we sense more risk. Thank you.

Serving the LORD in His ministry, and on your behalf;
I am honored,
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