

THE VILLAGE OF THATTEPALLY, INDIA: *“Eleven persons came forward to obey the Truth”*



I am in debt to brother Wendell Winkler for helping me understand the purpose of church benevolence, *“Every time the growth of the Jerusalem church is mentioned, it is mentioned in connection with doing good and helping the needy. (Acts 2:47 and 2:44, 45; Acts 4:4, 21 and 4:9; Acts 4:33 and 4:34-35; Acts 5:14 and 4:34-5:13; Acts 6:7 and 6:1-6).”* (*The Mission of the Local Church*, 17). Although it has been many years since I was given that instruction, I have not forgotten it. The benevolent actions of the Church are not an end but a means. Those in the world will be touched by the gospel of compassion and then receptive to the gospel of salvation (and there is only one gospel!). This is the premise of our benevolent actions. If it worked for the Lord’s Church in the first century it will work for the Lord’s Church in any century. And such is repeatedly proven true. Whatever one does must be done in the name of the Lord—especially benevolence (“even a cup of cold water”). If you do the kindness but omit the particularities of the Lord’s Church you have only a devotion to a damning social gospel.

In this email you are given the report by our brother Immadi about his efforts in preaching the gospel after he has distributed benevolent items. His report highlights the determination of those seeking salvation. Immadi and other brethren are busily involved in distributing benevolent items to those in need. I hope you will be as encouraged as I was by reading this report.

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Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord Jesus Christ



I and the preachers here daily remembering you in our prayers. We once again convey our sincere thanks for your kind loving heart. I and the preachers convey our hearty thanks for your kind regular sacrificial helps because of you many perishing souls are hearing the Gospel and are blessed by obeying it. Thank you very much.

We are in hot summer now. May is the hottest month in our country. People, specially village people will not have work in this month. I am visiting the new villages and preaching. Thattepally is a village in forest area. Our district is the neighbouring district to Karnataka

State. The village Thattepally is a bordering village to Karnataka State. It is 150 miles away from my place in Jadcherla. I and few preachers as a group visited this village and preached two days there, on 14th and 15th of this month. We put a big tent and invited people to attend the meeting. New Apostolic denomination is in this village. We preached about Jesus and His sacrifice and Church. Around 100 people attended the meeting. On 15th afternoon, eleven persons (three men, eight women) came forward to obey the Truth. Four persons from New Apostolic denomination and seven persons from Hinduism obeyed the Truth.

Since we are in hot summer, we faced lot of problems to find water for baptisms. We traveled six miles for water. We went three miles on road in a four wheeler and then walked three miles through fields to reach the water. I sincerely thank the God for giving these people good zeal and commitment to obey the Truth. Because they walked three miles in sun to reach the water. Eleven persons were baptised. I have taken some pictures. I am enclosing some pictures of baptisms. Kindly pray for the spiritual growth of new souls. The preachers nearby that area, visit them and preach them.



I sincerely convey my thanks once again to you. Because of you only I am able to visit and preach. Thanks a lot.

Since yesterday, we are experiencing heavy rains due to cyclone in Bay of Bengal. Government named this cyclone as LAILA. It is like hurricane. We are praying God to stop the rains. Please pray for this situation. The two widows, Balamaisamma and Chinnamma are conveying their thanks.

You all are in our prayers. Kindly pray for us and for the work here.

Closing with love,
Yours in His service, Immadi

