



# Tom & Jerilyn Kane

## Missionaries to the People of India and Myanmar



Summer Greetings, Friends and Family,

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**STATESIDE** – Construction and details for the presentation of the Tabernacle are complete and I was able to begin teaching this past Sunday. The folks and visitors of Victory Baptist in Crestview, Florida, have prayerfully seen how the details pointed to Jesus Christ and revealed the pattern for not only salvation, but also service. It was posted during the Sunday School Hour on Facebook – Victory Baptist Church Crestview. The Craft Fair we were hoping to participate in April was postponed due to thunderstorms.

**INDIA – Nambike Baptist Church** – In April, **Pastor Raju** had updated us that several of his family members had tested positive for Covid. His sister-in-law, Sunita, went home to be with her Saviour. There was no oxygen available in the hospital she was taken to and it was reported that within a few hours, as she drew near her eternal heavenly home, she sang praises. She and her husband lead our Children's Church. Three days later, Pastor Raju's elderly mother, Gundama, joined Sunita and their Jesus. Pastor Raju, while visiting his sister in the hospital, was able to win a nurse to the Lord. He shared "how great and marvelous is our Almighty God, to use me to witness in such a situation where people are so afraid." Additionally, he reported seven folks were saved through visitation since May. Bidar has gone through several periods of shut downs and reopening, and are currently able to have "in person" church services. Even during lockdown, members would come to church to bring their tithes and even contribute to families that were having financial difficulties. **Niricksha Baptist Church – Pastor Arun** reported that folks have begun coming back to church. His wife will begin a teacher training program which will enable her to teach kindergarten through elementary school-aged children. Pastor Arun also reported that two souls were recently saved. He had a mild case of Covid and has completely recovered.

**TRANSLATION UPDATE** - The Translation Analysis Checklist process has been completed and forwarded to the Trinitarian Bible Society. There is still much to be done. They have shared with us that "the Society's consistent position over the last twenty years has been that we do not reprint our earlier published Bibles once we have learned we have clear evidence that the Bible is defective either textually or translationally." We have begun the monumental process of updating existing translations. Please continue to pray.

**MYANMAR - Bethel Baptist Church/Bible Institute – Pastor Jacob** reports the third wave of Covid has swept Myanmar and effected every city and village. Inflation is up 25%, gasoline 30%. In the remote areas prices have gone up 100% to 150%. Each day is lived with uncertainty. The regime quickly has led the people back to a dictatorship and the days where they tried to control everything. Vaccines are only available to the military and their families. He shared he has lost at least twelve of his family members, two who were pastors. Pastor Jacob praises the Lord that the ministry there has been safe in the midst of many who have been endangered. In his last message to us, he reported nearly 900 were slaughtered and over 6,000 were accused, tortured and imprisoned without cause. In Rakhine State, one of our graduate pastors, Maung Aye, had his house destroyed by armed forces and is now rebuilding. His house was used for worship services, as well.

Church services are held physically (for orphans, college students and staff living on compound) and virtually. They are unable to sing loudly, but do quietly lift up Jesus in song. Psalm 46:10, ***Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*** The Bible Institute started back on June 7, with thirty students attending. Others could not return due to financial needs and transportation fees. We have been able to supply additional funds for these. The children in Bethel Children's Home have started back to school virtually.

We received an unexpected blessing recently. An anonymous donor from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Washington State contacted us via BIMl concerning a donation specifically for wells. We affectionately call this generous one, "Dr. Wells." He has supplied the monies needed to dig one well, so far! Pastor Jacob, runs low on water everyday on their compound with the increased need for students, children and staff. We praise the Lord for this blessing.

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Jerilyn and I appreciate your prayers, encouragement and financial support. Our hearts are in India and Myanmar and we pray that the Lord will heal and allow us to return physically. May our Lord Jesus get honor and glory through our lives and the detours in life that come our way.

Together, making a difference,

*Tom and Jerilyn Kane*

Psalm 109: 26, 27, *Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.*

**Postscript:** Just prior to our printing and emailing this prayer letter we received updates from Pastors PaLian and Jacob in Myanmar. The third wave of Covid has hit the country and the country is in total lockdown at present. All of Pastor PaLian's family have Covid. He shared their need for oxygen tanks and an oxygen concentrator. Pastor Jacob shared that the prices continue to rise, which is the case world wide, but 90% of the people in the church have not worked for over one year. This plus the fact that they do not have a welfare system makes a great difference. Pastor Jacob also needs oxygen tanks, an oxygen concentrator, and medications, especially pain medications. These things are in short supply on the private market. Whenever you obtain an oxygen tank the military will show up and take the tank. Concentrators appear to be available, but the sellers want 50% up front and then never deliver the concentrators. Pain medications are being sent into the country from China, but once again the military/government takes all the supplies.

One of the few benefits of not being able to travel to India/Myanmar is that we have extra funds available which would not be available for the needs of our Brother & Sisters in India and Myanmar.

I want to share a personal note that helps me with my cancer: While speaking to Pastor Jacob he got a little choked up and he said it was good to hear my voice on the phone. He went on to say that every time we talk on the phone I am able to lift his great burdens. (I sent him funds for oxygen tanks and for concentrators from our available funds.) I don't want cancer, but since it has made extra funds available to help a fellow brother then I have to thank God for the cancer. Please take from this note that it is the funds you provide us with that has made this possible at all. Thank you and God bless.