



# Tom & Jerilyn Kane

## Missionaries to the People of India and Myanmar



Greetings, faithful friends and family,

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One year ago, on the 14 October 2019, Jerilyn and I had suitcases packed, waiting for our soon return to India. After a visit to the emergency room that night, we were told that I had liver tumors that were more than likely cancer. Since that night I have had surgery, which confirmed it was inoperable, have had chemotherapy since January, and insertion of Y-90 radioactive beads in the blood vessel that feeds the tumors. I return to the University of Alabama on 5 November for a CT that will determine what affect this latest procedure has had. I know Whom I believe and Who numbers my days. Our prayer is that we will be able to return to India and Myanmar. Until then we will occupy, till we go to our eternal home.

**INDIA** As the pandemic has changed life in the world, missionary prayer letters reflect the ingenuity of even the poorest of nations. **Pastor Raju** has been able to conduct services at **Nambike** and also continue Facebook live videos. Eight folks have been saved the past three months through visitation. One has been discipled and baptized. Didasko Baptist Bible Institute has an average of fifteen students – a portion attend live classes, while the rest attend via Zoom. Presently, they are studying “The Inspiration of Scripture.”

The translation work continues as we are coordinating efforts with another missionary and the Trinitarian Bible Society in trying to get the Word of God into the hands of these Kannada speaking people. This is a monumental responsibility as we have mentioned repeatedly.

**Pastor Arun** and the members of **Niricksha** welcomed a new family to the church. Three have recently been saved and he reports that they have met their budget needs for the church and praise the Lord for what He is doing.

**MYANMAR** **Pastor Jacob** shared that the pandemic situation in Myanmar, particularly in Insein and Yangon City is worsening. In August, the number of positive cases was three hundred. In two months, it has risen to thirty thousand. He reports, “In the midst of such chaos and uncertainty of life, we are safe under the wings of Jehovah, the Almighty God.” Less than a mile from **Bethel Baptist Church** compound, there is a Buddhist monastery which has about six hundred monks. Three hundred thirty-four have tested positive.

During the lockdown a Buddhist student from a nearby University has been helping the children in the orphanage at **Bethel**. He has been volunteering to tutor the 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. He voiced that he sincerely wanted to know more about Jesus Christ and after many conversations he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. Ten additional precious souls have been saved and **Pastor Jacob** has baptized eleven this quarter.

Thirty-five Bible Institute students are currently on lockdown at **Bethel**. Classes continue to be taught. The church members are confined to their homes and have family worship services at this time.

**THE CHALLENGE** I recently presented a challenge to each of the national pastors we have worked with, as well as the graduates from **Bethel Baptist Bible Institute** who are pastoring. The challenge was this: Come up with a unique way to continue to evangelize during the pandemic restrictions. We had received some unexpected additional funds which we had set aside to meet the fiscal requirements of the pastors’ plans. Currently, three pastors have presented a written plan and have had assorted results. Allow me to share one in particular:

**Pastor Jacob** needed additional Burmese Study Bibles (the one he authored the study notes and our discipleship lessons) to disciple new converts, tracts and a Broadband Wi-Fi connection to communicate with members. We provided the funds and he shared the following story: “One of our church members was on an off shore job in Vietnam and he was quarantined for fourteen days. During this time of loneliness and fear, the Lord helped him through our communications. We sent words of encouragement to our dear brother and the Lord sustained and strengthened him and he is now getting ready to come back home.”

This WiFi allows **Pastor Jacob** to communicate with most members. We often take internet for granted. He will now be able to share the precious Gospel with the lost, as well as ministering to his church members.

**THE BIRTHPAINS of our WEB PAGE** I have been laboring over our web page for the better part of 2020. This site has multiple functions. The soul winning video, which I shared in our last prayer, is posted there, as well as a children's evangelistic video, which we have permission to share. Jerilyn and I have uploaded several of our discipleship lessons using PowerPoint and live teaching. We still have several more to video tape. **Pastor Raju** and **Pastor Jacob** will also be sharing Kannada and Burmese videos and lessons. We will be sharing this web page address as soon as it is complete.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Pastor Raju's wife, Priyadarshini, as she continues to have follow-up appointments from her heart attack, health and safety of our national pastors, congregations, and communities we minister to. Revival, here stateside and worldwide, that souls will see their need for a Saviour. Jerilyn, as she cares for me; strengthen her and selfishly, pray for my health. Unspoken

I know we say it often, but thank you, again, for your faithfulness in giving and praying. I am once again claiming 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.** I thank you for getting a hold of God on Jerilyn's and my behalf and on behalf of those that God has called us to minister to.

Together, making a difference,

*Tom and Jerilyn Kane*

Philippians 1:3, *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,*