

March & April 2004

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The governing body of numerous villages in Andhra Pradesh is the village council. The head of this council is called 'Serpench'. He is the highest authority and nothing can be done without his consent. Several of these council members and Serpenches are anti-Christian; therefore many of our pastors and church members are facing fierce hostility. Christians are being abused physically, verbally and socially; coercing them to curse and renounce Christ. I request your valuable prayers.

This summer God has again blessed the Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministries among our Churches in India. As I stated previous times, we write own Sunday School/VBS materials for our Churches and have training camp for the teachers. 'Bible- Our Weapon' was our theme this year. **More than 1750 children attended and over 300 received Jesus Christ as their Savior.** Continue to pray for these Children.

Presently we are in the preparation for our annual youth camp, which is scheduled for the last week of August. Since 1989 the camp was held at our Bible College premises though there were countless inadequacies. This year we found very suitable campsite with facilities for 300 delegates. The approximate expense for the camp will be around \$4,000 ie. \$6.65 per person. Our Churches and members have already commenced to raise money but will only be able to meet half of the target. If you can sponsor one delegate it will be greatly appreciated. It may be your \$6.65 makes the difference in a young person's life in India.

As I have written in my last prayer letter, my family and I were trying to obtain a US visa; but our visas were refused. We are working on some more necessary papers to apply again. Please uphold us in your prayers.

Your continued prayers and sacrificial support are both tremendously appreciated.

For souls in India,
Sam Thomas & Family

"Reaching the Unreached with the Gospel of Christ"