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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

India has 28 states and 7 union territories. The language, culture and customs are very diverse from state to state. In order to start ministry, in each State must learn the local language, culture and customs. Since 1968, God enabled us to plant 105 Independent Baptist Churches and 15 new missions (20 Churches and 15 new missions after the demise of our father Dr. K. C. Thomas) in three States. Many of these Churches have purchased their own property but do not have buildings. During these years, several friends and supporters of our ministry have helped us with Church buildings and parsonages. We greatly appreciate their generous sacrifice.

Many new laws are being made in various States that will make construction of Churches intricate. We need to build at least 10 more Churches and parsonages before these new laws are implemented. The construction cost of a Church building (40 feet x 20 feet) will be approximately \$7,000; for a two bedroom parsonage \$3,000, As I stated before, the properties are already purchased and most of the works will be done by our church members. Several of these Churches are in Hindu communities and the members came out of Hinduism.

Realizing many of you are involved in numerous projects, I find it difficult to mention these needs. If the Lord lays on your heart the brothers and sisters in India and you need more information, please email me at [ibaptist@vsnl.com](mailto:ibaptist@vsnl.com) or contact me on my cell phone 405-408-3325.

Since the first week of October, my family and I have been traveling in America reporting to Churches. As I have mentioned previously, this is the first time for my wife Blessy, sons Alexander and Abishua to be in US visiting Churches. They are enjoying the visits very much. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our travels.

Your prayers and supports are very valuable to us as we labor for our Master. Thank you and may the Lord bless you.

For souls in India,

***Sam Thomas & family***