

GLAD TIDINGS INDIA

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What Makes Glad Tidings India / India Bible Literature Unique?

- * Over 50 years experience in India with trustworthy partnerships
- * Money leveraged into Self-sustaining Ministries
- * Proven, effective 25-year track record in Church Planting and Literacy Ministry
- * Grass-roots directed indigenous strategy

Glad Tidings India / India Bible Literature Distinctives

Listed at the top of every newsletter are four items which indicate why Glad Tidings India / India Bible Literature is unique. Last newsletter I began a series to explain each one. In this issue we will examine how money is leveraged into self-sustaining ministries.

Money Leveraged Into Self-Sustaining Ministries

The Bible admonishes believers to be good stewards. In the current economic environment it is particularly important that what we give is used *well* and *effectively*.

All money given to Glad Tidings India is first used to print Bibles. When Bill and Joyce Scott arrived in India, God made it clear that their primary mission was to get a Bible into every Indian home. Nothing is more foundational to the Christian faith than the Word of God. It is “*the sword of the Spirit*” (Ephesians 6:17) and “*a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path*” (Psalm 119:105). With 6,000 new believers being baptized on average every day in India, the greatest need is for the Word of God. An affordable price is charged for each Bible to guarantee the Bibles will be valued and used, and not simply taken for free and sold for the waste paper value.



Money Used Twice

Money from the Bibles is then used a second time to make additional ministry happen. For example, in our Church Planter Ministry, the money from the Bibles is used to train and equip an Indian evangelist to plant a church in a village where today no Christian Church exists. The Church Planter is taught to be self-supporting. Often this “mother church” will give birth to daughter churches in future years which are also taught to be self-supporting. One Church Planter in Ranchi, after 15 years, has given birth to 93 churches, all self-supporting!



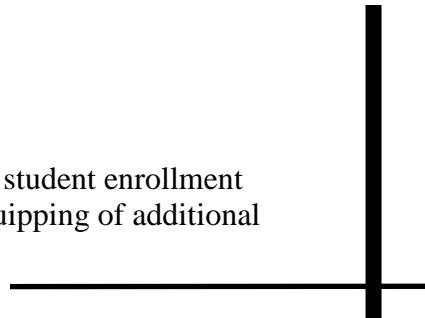
As our Christmas Project illustrates this year, means for income generation are also provided such as sewing machines for needy women or rickshaws for men. Families are enabled to earn income and support themselves and their churches by obtaining goats or bullocks, but the money to provide this is first used to print Bibles.

Money Used Three Times

In our Christian School Ministry money is used three times:

1. Funds first used to print Bibles
2. Money from the Bibles builds classrooms, thus increasing the student enrollment
3. Tuition from the additional students funds the training and equipping of additional Church Planters who are taught to be self-supporting.

BRINGING THE GLAD TIDINGS OF THE GOSPEL TO INDIA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIA BIBLE LITERATURE—TRAINING & EQUIPPING THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH FOR OVER 50 YEARS!





Bang for the Buck

Over the years I have frequently heard people use this phrase (“Bang for the Buck”) when referring to Glad Tidings India / India Bible Literature in relation to Dr. William Scott’s principal of leveraging money. I do not know of any ministry in the world where a gift reaches more people with the Gospel or makes more ministry happen not only now but potentially for years into the future.

Eunuch Ministry

It has been estimated that there are at least a million eunuchs (castrated males) living in India today. We here in America may find this hard to believe, thinking eunuchs only lived in Biblical times (the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8). They are an ostracized, detested part of society and earn a living by begging, prostitution and by removing “bad luck”. They have become something to be feared because no one wants to be accosted by one of them.

Many eunuchs live in the slums of Mumbai. Here their literacy rate is just 4% and many are engaged in criminal activities such as prostitution, drug addiction, castration, murder, and theft. They are scorned by society and neglected by the church.

A partner ministry in Mumbai felt led by God to reach out to these pitiable people with the Gospel and has established Eunuch Churches in four different areas. The pastor states that “Jesus ministered to the despised and rejected and **we must do the same**”. Many have accepted Christ and are now living transformed lives. The following is a testimony of a Eunuch who has graduated from our Bible-content literacy classes.

“I was born in a small village in the state of Andhra Pradesh. After being born with a genital deformity, my parents abandoned me on the steps of an orphanage. As soon as I was old enough, I was sent to work at the nearby match box factory. The work was hard. I was not allowed to keep the money I made and often went to bed hungry.

As soon as I was old enough, I left the orphanage and went to Mumbai where I began living in a eunuch community. These eunuchs were involved in castrating young boys. They would lure them with chocolates, befriend them, and slowly convert them into eunuchs. They were then sold to sex workers. I joined them in this activity. I was arrested and spent two years in jail. After that I met Pastor Rao and he taught me the Word of God. I attended literacy classes so I could read the Bible myself. I have accepted Christ who died for me so that my sins could be forgiven. I am now attending the Eunuch Church regularly.”



Eunuch Church in Mumbai



Eunuch being baptized

Would you prefer to Receive an Electronic Newsletter ?



With the cost of postage increasing and the expense of paper and envelopes, a way to see more money go directly to the ministry is to receive an electronic Glad Tidings India newsletter. Please help us to be better stewards of God's money by opting to receive an electronic newsletter. Send an email to gladtidings@frontiernet.net with the word "Newsletter" in the subject heading to make us aware of your email address.

Thanks to those of you who have already responded to this request.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. E. VELAYTHAM !!

E. Velaytham (Velu), Executive Director of India Bible Literature, was conferred Doctor of Divinity by the Indian Theological Research Institute in Chennai, India for his long standing service to the nation of India through evangelism.



Velu has been with IBL for 33 years. He was born into a staunch Hindu family and upon accepting Christ was rejected by them. He joined IBL as a packing boy in the shipping department. Joyce Scott was very influential in his learning to speak English. He has been instrumental in reaching millions of people through IBL Scripture distribution, Schools of Evangelism (Church Planter training), Adult literacy courses, Children's Bible Schools, conferences and seminars.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to work along side of Velu, my dear brother in Christ, to reach the people of India with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer Requests

- ◆ *Pray that God would raise up additional individuals to work with Glad Tidings India to expand the ministry.*
- ◆ *Pray that persecuted believers in Orissa, and those whose livelihoods have been destroyed by floods in Andhra Pradesh, will be supplied with what is needed for them to support their families and churches.*
- ◆ *Pray that God will give fresh vision to the leadership of our indigenous partner organization, India Bible Literature, and bless them and their families.*
- ◆ *Pray that 30 Unreached People Groups will be reached with the Gospel in India in 2010.*
- ◆ *Pray for significant funding so ministries can dramatically increase in India.*
- ◆ *Pray for the Board Members of Glad Tidings India and their families that God will lead them and bless them.*

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Christmas Project



As a result of prolonged persecution of Christians in Orissa and the worst floods in Andhra Pradesh in 106 years, many believers not only lost houses but also their source of income. Many have lost goats, cows, chickens, and sheep. They desperately need assistance to begin generating income again.

Glad Tidings India's Christmas Appeal is to enable these fellow believers to again begin to support their families and churches by providing means for income generation.

I will give:

_____ **\$335 Tea Stall** – prints 112 Bibles

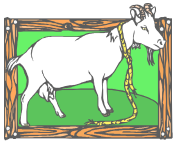
and provides a shed, kerosene stove, milk, tea, & biscuits, etc.
Will give work to a needy woman to help sustain a family.



_____ **\$225 Goat Raising Project** – prints 75 Bibles

and provides 4 female goats and 1 male goat (a “unit”) to partially sustain one family.
After 12 months, one unit (4 female goats and 1 male goat) will produce a second unit.

After 18 months, recipient family will donate third unit to a new receiving Christian family.



_____ **\$500 Sewing Machine & Rickshaw** – prints 166 Bibles

and provides one sewing machine for a woman to start a tailoring business and a rickshaw for a man to start a taxi or cargo business.

_____ **\$1,000 *Cultivation Project** – prints 333 Bibles

and provides one pair of bullocks, plow and seed.
Will provide work for, and will sustain an entire extended family (parents, grandparents, etc.).



_____ Other

* One of the most needed. Hundreds of families are waiting for such survival assistance.

As is our custom, money is first used to print Bibles and the funds obtained from the Bibles are used a second time to provide Income Generation Projects.



RESPONSE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Charge to my: Visa Master Card



Card Number: _____

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Please send response form to and make check payable to Glad Tidings India:

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