

INDIA IS CALLING!

A series of thrilling articles about the ripe harvest field of India!

From Keda; India:

AS SOON AS THE PLANE WHEELS MADE CONTACT WITH THE EARTH again, there was a hustle of excitement—for most, they were home again, for a few odd Japanese businessmen, another stop for the company—and for me, the magic beginning of a love affair that will never die!

CUSTOMS WAS SLOW & FUN, as in usual Asian style I was referred to this line, then 2 more at different ends of the arrival hall with my precious video/TV cargo. After having it noted in my passport by a friendly, obliging English-speaking official, I headed off into the sea of dark faces & smiles waiting to greet their loved ones.

TIM & FAITHY, THE PRECIOUS VSs HERE were glowing & warm, & we had such a beautiful & immediate contact in the Spirit! I was surprised by the lack of onslaught from the cab drivers that we're so used to in South East Asia—porters grabbing a bag each & almost running off to any cab in the hope of a few cents tip—here they obligingly let us carry our own bags & we managed to find one easily who agreed to use his meter. I discovered that most cars in the country are one or two local brands—looking like a 1955 car in the West—hence all the cabs lined up looked identical apart from the state of disrepair. I was so excited as Tim & Faithy shared thrilling testimonies of the nationals here & all there is to do, as the cool night breeze fanned as we drove through the silent streets.

I HAD JUST FLOWN FROM SINGAPORE TO MADRAS & after an absolutely beautiful night of rest & lovin', I couldn't wait to see outside! Over the next few days I realised that the way I had pictured India was more like the "Mother Theresa's India"—extreme poverty & malnutrition, beggars all along the street, very few living in houses, mainly on the streets, no meat or healthful food available & lots of disease—and it just wasn't that accurate!

I LIKED THE DOCILE OLD COWS WHICH PLOD ACROSS THE ROAD stopping all as they go, but I was shocked to hear that you can easily buy beef for only 1 Dollar per kilo!! I was so used to meat, apart from fish & chicken, being not-so-readily available in the Far East. I'd never dreamt that in this

Hindu country meat would be so cheap & readily available! Not only that, but I've grown used to the door bell ringing daily with fresh milk, which, when boiled is quite clean & great for kids! Yoghurt was my next surprise—it's quite cheap & common & so healthful with lots of cheap fruit to add!

FROM THE START I FELT SO AT HOME with the motor rickshaws (tuk-tuks in Thailand & Bajajs in Indonesia) & the cycle rickshaws so common all over Asia. The people have that beautiful shyness that explodes into a very warm smile as soon as you initiate the same, & that precious curiosity that the Lord so often uses in our being foreigners, drawing



Timothy & Faithy, precious VSs for India, Sri Lanka, Nepal & Bangladesh. Both joined here in India while travelling from New Zealand & Australia. They really are loved by the Family in India & are excited about setting up a Reception Home in Bombay & getting back on the road. PTLI

them to us & opening them up to the lit & answers we have, with a respectful thrill that you really want to communicate with them! There are so many educated above-the-cloud students & young people here who really want to break free from the traditions—and the main hindrance to our reaching them is the lack of labourers!

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF POVERTY HERE, but if anyone simply follows Dad's counsel about getting supporters before coming, it's not at all difficult to stay healthy, clean & live by a good standard. Many years ago here, the standard of the Family wasn't so high & there was quite a bit of sickness, but now the Homes are the equivalent standard to the S.E. Asian ones & by faithfully following the counsel in the Letters & prayer, it isn't difficult to stay quite healthy, with the 7 Supporters, FFling (there are only a few doing any & ES hasn't even been tapped yet!) & prayer letters along with the monthly pledges Dad suggested in "BB—RHs", it's very feasible to live well here, even larger families—especially Commonwealthers! The sweet ladies who do daily dishes, cooking & laundry for a very minimal amount are an added factor for families to consider in favour of the field!

IF YOU ARE IN EUROPE & ARE A LITTLE BEWILDERED by the prospects of Latin America being a little too overcrowded & you're needing to go to a small town there, these fields are really worth praying about! For the 800 million people in the sub-continent here, there are only a mere 27 Homes!! **THE BROTHERS IN MADRAS WERE SO SWEET** & we'd grown so close that I really started to miss them as our train sped across the country. There are two main classes on the trains—second class being very cheap—only about 70 rupees (\$ 9.00) for the 1,000 Kms. or so from Madras to Bombay, & the first class has a private room. Since we had the expensive video equipment & TV, we decided to take the first class so that we could sleep—otherwise one would need to stay awake holding on to the equipment watchfully all night. Even with

Photos: Top: Charity Blossom is a precious Canadian sister who met the Family in India & is mated to Hosannah. They have 2 gorgeous children! Bottom: Hosannah is a Malaysian-Indian brother who joined the Family in Madras. He used to be a very active communist, but now he's really on fire for Jesus! He is the shepherd of the Tamil Lit-Pic & is faithful to get out the Words for the 4-8 million people who speak this language!



all the extra security & comfort, it only cost \$ 27.00 for the 26-hour trip so the fares are certainly reasonable & the conditions are quite good, even for kids.

UNLIKE TRAVELLING IN JAVA & JAPAN, where you never seem to run out of people, there were vast expanses of beautiful open grassy stretches & gorgeous green mountain areas which were only very lightly populated. Despite this feeling though, India's population is very largely rural with only a meagre 35% living in urban areas!—A fact which keeps road teams & MWM a vital part of the outreach here.

WITH THE TRAIN'S FANS & THE WINDOWS WIDE OPEN, we arrived quite rested, if dusty, & were so warmed to meet James & Anna at the busy Bombay station. With the work on the Hindi Lit-Pic & the Hindi MWM, the Lord had, in the past month, drawn nationals from all over to work together on these vital projects. They were in the process of looking for new housing so we had no intention of staying with them initially, but the Lord gave us amidst other verses, Psalm 133:1 when we prayed about it. It was so much the Lord, & the precious time we did spend with one large communal bed the size of the lounge each night, was so much fun & so uniting, we'll never forget it! Hallelujah! What a precious Family!

THIS WHOLE CITY OF OVER 6 MILLION people has only 2 Homes to reach it, & Calcutta with only one Home has 10 million people to reach!! We need HELP!!

ONCE YOU'VE OPENED YOUR HEART to the Maharishi, as the song says, "She's starving for the love of her God up above, if you'll only come in & love her... She'll ravish you so, & she'll never let you go, if you'll only come in & love her!"—so she has such a large part of my heart now!—She's so needy! Are you one of the lovers she's waiting for? She has so much need for David's love & wants to bear many children by Him!!

IF THE LORD ISN'T CALLING YOU, YOU COULD HELP LOVE HER with the seed—by helping the Hindi, Tamil, Nepali & Bengali Pubs teams along with English to give her the seed she so desires!—And your prayers always work wonders! Thank you so much!! We really love & need you! Love, Keda (Of course the Lord's calling you!—You can feel it right now! Come!—Or send part of you today!)



James Stone is thrilled as technician for the Hindi Music With Meaning Show! James trained under Simon Peter when MWM began in India & is mixing here on the new ports-studio which Simon so generously donated to the Hindi work!

From Timothy & Faithy; Indian VS's: **GBY! WLYSMI PTL FOR ANOTHER EXCITING MONTH** full of the Lord's wondrous works! It started with receiving word that Dad was sending Keda to India for a visit! PGI We knew it would really be a heavy time for the work here, which it certainly is! **TJJI! SOON AFTER THIS, KEDA ARRIVED IN MADRAS** & we were so happy to meet her at the airport. What a sweetheart she is, it

was love at first sight! Hal! It continues to be so much of a blessing spending time with her learning so much about being close to the Lord & hearing from Him for every little thing & being faithful in all He has for us.

THE NEXT FEW DAYS KEDA SHOWED THE FAMILY IN MADRAS SOME BEAUTIFUL VIDEOS of Indonesia, Hong Kong, Australia, Lima, Peru & Scandinavia & the beautiful Family there. TYLI It was thrilling to see our precious Family & the wonderful work they are doing there in their fields. It's really such a wonderful way to fellowship with the world, giving us so many new ideas, convicting us, & shortening the cord between us all!

SOON AFTER KEDA'S ARRIVAL we left Madras to relocate in Bombay with a vision to set up a "Reception Home" to help folks newly arriving on the field, as we're praying for many new labourers to help in this white harvest. TYLI

WE SET OFF BY TRAIN ON A 24-HOUR JOURNEY of about 1,000 Kms., a very inspiring trip in our own locked compartment keeping our valuables safe, spending time in the Word. Train travel in India is very cheap & comfortable as long as you have reserved berths. On the train the Lord led us to a sweet old Catholic man who'd been on a pilgrimage. The Catholic religion here is almost like Hinduism, they've compromised so much & have traditions similar to Hinduism, that you can hardly tell the difference! TG that Tim was

able to share salvation with our friend & he readily prayed & received the Lord. TYJI

WE WERE HAPPY TO REACH BOMBAY where we stayed with the Hindi Lit-Pic. Many of the Indian nationals have recently come to Bombay to help with the Hindi MWM & Lit-Pic work. The making of the Shows is progressing well & the Lord's really anointing them as they don't have a lot of technical know-how or equipment. However, "little is much if God is in it" & they do have lots of spirit & inspiration & the burden to do the job GBT! They've made their first 8 shows & D.V. the Show will be aired soon. We're expecting a great response! TYLI

FOR A LONG TIME THERE'S ONLY BEEN THE HINDI LIT-PIC HOME in Bombay. However, the Lord has recently raised up some more wildly willing workers for the field here. One couple, Paul & Vivian, have recently arrived from England, & they've taken over the MWM outreach as there are over 500 listeners in Bombay & so much potential, especially among the youth. Bombay is the most liberal city in India, a lot more westernised than the other cities, with searching young people looking for a way out of the traditions & social pressures.

THE HINDI LIT-PIC HAS WON A NEW DISCIPLE EVERY MONTH for about the last 8 months, the most recent being Daniel & Paul. Daniel is from Delhi, fruit of MWM1, &



Daniel, fruit of MWM1, our first Indian national disciple whose Hindi is stronger than his English, & Paul from Bombay, who's been faithfully sithing & reporting for the past months, becoming a full-fledged disciple! PTLI