

August, 1992

Dear friends,

*Bangalore — Bhopal — Bombay — Calcutta —
Dehli — Pune — Hyderabad — Madras — Shimla
— Varanasi....*

How would you like to be a missionary to one of these cities of India — even though you may never go there? You can....as a PRAYER MISSIONARY!

These are the cities in India where Youth With A Mission has bases. Each of them is headquarters for some of the 260 full-time YWAM workers of India who are "losing their lives for Christ's sake and the gospel" in this land of 850 million people with hundreds of unreached people groups.

Near the end of October, Jackie and I with a team plan to be in Dehli, India for a YWAM national staff conference. We will have meetings with each of the leaders of these ten mission bases. We want to get to know them, learn of their visions and burdens for India, and lay plans for future ministry trips to their mission bases, starting early 1993.

Jackie and I believe the Lord wants us to encourage these young missionary pioneers, and help them train the new generation of Indian young people who come to their schools.

The Lord has also impressed us to help build a strong base of intercession for YWAM India. This is where you come in!

Adopt an India YWAM Base...

When we are in Delhi, we hope to tell the YWAM base leaders that our friends are ready to adopt their ministry in prayer. **Will you be one of the intercessors for India?**

This is simply that you would volunteer to pray for one of these India YWAM bases when

the Lord reminds you, and when we give a prayer request to you by phone or mail. We are able to communicate with India by fax so that we can receive timely prayer requests and updates.

Please seek the Lord about being a prayer missionary for India, and reply with the enclosed card by the end of September.

A team of seven to the nations...

Pray for the members of the prayer team who are accompanying us on this journey — Chuck and Linda Morris, Roger Tobolt, Pete and Ruth Oberg -- especially during September 11-13 when we gather for three days of preparation for the outreach.

We will leave from Minneapolis on October 8 — first heading for Indonesia, to do more spiritual battle for the unreached people group that we visited last year. Chuck and Linda will then return to the USA.

The remaining five of us will then proceed to India for the YWAM national staff conference, where we will undergird YWAM India in prayer. Following our meetings with YWAM base leaders, Roger, Pete and Ruth will return to the USA.

Jackie and I will then fly to Israel by way of Cairo for the biannual meeting of Intercessors International. Our purpose there is to join prayer leaders from 40 nations in strategic intercession for the world.

Will you pray for the purposes of God to be fulfilled on this journey Oct. 8 - Nov. 19? We feel that it is an important part of God's assignment for us in His battle among the nations and unreached peoples. This six week trip will enlarge our vision, and probably increase the work load of ministry both at home and abroad.

For the financial release...

The Lord has been faithful to meet every need for previous mission trips, and we believe He will do so again. He provided the \$800 deposit on our airline tickets just when it was needed! The remaining several thousand dollars must be paid in September. A considerable amount above the air travel cost is also needed for lodging, food, and ground transport. Will you agree with us that every need will be met?

If the Lord leads you to contribute, please mark your gift, "*for Matthews mission trip*".

A battle for American souls...

Sept.15-20 I will attend a national gathering of prayer leaders in Florida to pray for the lost of the United States. Join us in prayer during that time, that those dwelling in the darkness of our own nation would come to the light of Jesus Christ. Starting September 20, there will be a "national census" all over our nation: Christians will be going out into their neighborhoods to give people an opportunity to receive Jesus Christ. Pray that many will come to Christ through this "national census".

Answered prayer...

Praise the Lord — my sinus headaches have gone! Jeff's back is better, and he now has part-time work, but needs additional hours. Jenni is now working at a Christian book store, and desires to go to a YWAM DTS in Holland as early as January, 1993.

Thanksgiving...to the Lord and to you!

We will never cease to give thanks to the Lord and to you for your intercession for us. Your prayer is our lifeline.

We are always humbled by the financial gifts that come, whether small or large, and receive each one with great appreciation to the Lord and to you who have given. Your giving is indeed a partnership in the spreading of the gospel and in our ministry of mobilizing prayer and training God's people to be spiritual warriors .

The Lord leads us in a way that always needs a fresh miracle of provision. It requires us to continually renew a childlike faith, and helps us to keep our hearts clean -- knowing that "apart from Him we can do nothing". It is a very good thing to be so dependent on the Lord. It is sincerely an honor and privilege. Your participation is always part of our miracle!

May you and your family know the abundance of His unending grace. God is good -- all the time -- in every way. He can be trusted with all that concerns you!

Yours in Christ,

John and Jackie

Prayer needs:

- * *For health, safety, wisdom, and divine appointments for our team during the intercessory outreach to Indonesia, India and Israel.*
- * *The rest of the funds for the trip.*
- * *Another vehicle : our main car died in Duluth.*
- * *As always, for our children: Jay and Lana, Jeff and Jermaine, and Jenni*
- * *Medical debts remaining from 1989*