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Dear Ones,

Loving greetings to all of you from dear India in Jesus' precious name.

The words written so long ago by Carrie E. Rounsefell meant a lot to me as a wee lad growing up in South Carolina. These words have been going through my mind today:

*There's surely somewhere a lowly place in Earth's harvest fields so wide  
Where I may labour through life's short day for Jesus the crucified.  
So trusting my all unto Thy care, I know Thou lovest me!  
I'll do Thy will with a heart sincere. I'll be what You want me to be!*

That "lowly place" for me and for our family has been Sonapurhat, India. Along with these, come the words of Jesus to me today: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."

We are so thankful for our families, friends and churches who have enabled us to obey His call and occupy this place for Him. Instead of the elephant grass in which the Royal Bengal tigers lived previously, now we have thousands of people and no space for wild animals. These are some of the most precious people in the world, and He has permitted us to love them to Himself! Rejoice with us.

Our Annual Conference in March was the largest ever. We had more than 5,800 people here for a time of feasting on His Word and of precious fellowship. We are thankful for His blessings.

Our need for more pastors has been and is great. We have so many churches and so few pastors. It was a joy on 22 April to ordain four men here. It was such a joy to me for our son, Don, to be one of those ordained. We had talked and prayed about this for a long time. Now we have sixteen ordained pastors which is still not nearly enough for more than two hundred churches. Please pray that others will be ready to take this responsibility in the near future.

It was our joy to dedicate a lovely new church building in April. We expect to dedicate another on 30 May and a third in June. Please rejoice with us.

Two of our pastors went with me from North India to our South India work this month. It was a joy to participate there in the ordination service for three pastors, to be a part of the graduation service for our FWB Bible Institute, and to celebrate the Jubilee of Bethel FWB Church, Gopalapuram and the dedication of the beautiful new church on the campus of our FWB Bible Institute in Coonoor.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our work and workers here in North India and down South. Thank you for your prayers for me and for our family. Please pray that I will be able to get the work done that I must do before time for me to return to USA in July. Rich blessings on all of you.

Lovingly in Christ Jesus,

Carlisle Hanna