

Free Will Baptist Mission, P.O. Sonapurhat, 733214, Uttar Dinajpur District, West Bengal, INDIA



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Dear Ones,

Loving greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

News reports tell us the monsoon in India is patchy: floods in some areas and drought in others. We are thankful to have had a good monsoon so far in our area. This gives us hope of a good rice harvest. That will mean less hunger for all. It takes much food to feed more than a billion people. This is three times as many people as India had when we arrived there in 1952. It is a joy to be able to continue to serve Christ and build His church among these beautiful people.

Our dear children planned a beautiful 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for me at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Lake City, SC on 1<sup>st</sup> August. It was a joy to meet many family members and friends there. We are thankful for those of you who were able to come and share with us on that day. We are thankful to Pastor Carroll Bazen, Brother Marion Coker and his wife, Althea, and Dot Sullivan for all the work they did and to all the church for the use of their facilities. We were a family of seven children. Only three of us are here now. Our sister who is next older than I am in the family was with us. Our brother is 90 and was not able to be with us. His children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were with us.

We are thankful for the continued blessing of our Lord on His work in India. We see people follow in baptism every month. We are thankful for every open door in India and Nepal. Please do continue to pray for good health and protection for our pastors, evangelists and church planters. Thank you for praying for the needed continued Bible training for those who love and serve in difficult places.

As the apostle Paul said to the Philippians (Phil. 3:14), I say to you: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We continue to count on your prayers and support for our work in India. Jesus said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21) Please pray for me, for each member of our family here and for those so dear to us in India that we will lose our own lives and know HIM and make HIM known.

Lovingly in Christ,

Carlisle Hanna