



April, 2010

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings to all of you in the wonderful name of Jesus our risen Lord.

Jesus said, "I will build my church...." Matthew 16:18. It has been our joy to see Him building it here in our midst. We prepared as best we could for our Annual Conference which began 18 March 2010. Our people sit on the ground for services and even sleep on the ground while they are here, so we pray for good weather. On the opening day, they came and came and came. The accommodations were filled, and yet they came. The most we have had for conference before is about six thousand. This year, for the opening service, we had more than that. We had more than eight thousand for Saturday night and Sunday morning services. The weather was wonderful. It did not rain and was not too hot nor too cold. Our speaker, Rev. George Lucas, taught several of our pastors when they were in Bible College. His messages were very clear and good. Our people absorbed the Word like a sponge absorbs water. Everyone cooperated beautifully, and there were no problems. On Sunday morning before the worship service, many walked to the water and thirty-one followed. Thank you for praying for us and especially for your prayers for this conference.

The first time we observed the Lord's Supper here in North India was at our conference in 1955. We were about twenty to partake. He has been building His church from then until now. He has permitted our family to be a part of building it here these fifty-eight years. We had a thousand to partake of the Lord's Supper and foot washing in our church here in Sonapur on Good Friday, 2010. You would have been blessed, as was I, if you could have been a part of it.

Many of you have prayed for and supported us and His work here in India for many years. We are, indeed, grateful. Thank you. Please trust our Father with us for more growth and blessing this year than ever before. We continue to need your prayers and support for us, for our pastors, for our church planters and for our churches. Please pray, too, for our children and their families and other family members in USA.

Joyfully in Christ,

Carlisle Hanna