

ADVANCE...

By: Lou Mancari

CSI Gospelink

Some of the most popular TV shows of the last decade were CSI Las Vegas, CSI Miami, and CSI New York. There is even a NCSI, Navy CSI. While I am not advocating these crime scene investigation shows, I was somewhat surprised several years ago when I saw the letters CSI on churches all over southern India. It stands for the Church of South India.

The Church of South India is the result of the union of churches of varying traditions in that area: Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed. It was inaugurated in September, 1947 and organized into 16 dioceses, each under the spiritual supervision of a bishop. These churches, in their time, have done some good work in India for the advancement of the Gospel. Many of them have large, stately church buildings, but few are evangelistic any longer. However, in this issue, I would like to update you on the Church of South India... Gospelink style.



Pastor Digal was recently martyred. Some are giving their very lives for the sake of the Gospel. What are we willing to give?

The majority of the Indian preachers assisted by Gospelink are in the state of Tamil Nadu in the southern part of the nation. Though Christians are increasing numerically in this state, Hindus still comprise 88.6% of the population. The two largest cities in that region are Chennai, on the east coast with a population of 4.5 million people, and Madurai, with a population 2.5 million peo-

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Gospelink was established for the purpose of advancing the gospel throughout the world. It is our belief that this objective can be best accomplished by assisting national preachers who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship. Through prayer and financial assistance national preachers are empowered, their evangelistic outreach is enhanced, and their church planting efforts are accelerated.

National preachers who have been selected for assistance have met all the necessary initial requisites of accountability. Their financial needs have been evaluated. Their morals, reputation, and character are exemplary. Their doctrinal beliefs are sound and their training and ministry experience are verified.

Once assistance has been initiated through Gospelink, the national preacher must continue to meet all the ongoing requisites of accountability in order to maintain this assistance. Ministry reports are submitted systematically and on-site evaluations are regularly conducted by the regional directors and Gospelink USA representatives.

Gospelink, Inc. was established as a missions organization in 1998. As such, contributions and gifts are tax-deductible. It is governed by those serving on the Board of Directors.

To learn more visit www.gospelink.org or contact us by phone at (434) 485-7007. You may also write us at: Gospelink - P.O. Box 4299 - Lynchburg, VA 24502.

**CHECK OUT THE
INTERNATIONAL BIBLE
COLLEGE OF ZAMBIA**

Go to Google Maps.
Enter the following numbers in
the search box:

-15.3718595,28.820872

If the display is in the map mode,
select satellite mode.
Zoom in for greater detail.

**ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO
TEACH COLLEGE-LEVEL
ENGLISH OR GREEK?**

Gospelink is seeking an English
teacher and a Greek teacher to
live and teach at the Interna-
tional Bible College in Zambia.

For more details, contact:

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National Director, Joshua Vijayakumar, presents bicycles donated by USA sponsors to their Indian pastors

ple. Gospelink’s National Director, Joshua Vijayakumar, lives and serves in Madurai.

Recently, while I was traveling from church to church with Joshua, he shared with me some of what is going on in India. In the past year, these preachers have seen over 780 baptisms for Christ. This is a tremendous blessing because of the true commitment it takes to make a public profession of faith in Christ within this society. When an individual breaks from their family and social traditions there can be great upheaval and even persecution.

Last month, a fellow worker for Christ sent me a picture of a preacher who was recently martyred for Christ in India. His only crime was that he preached Christ as the only way of salvation. He was attacked by

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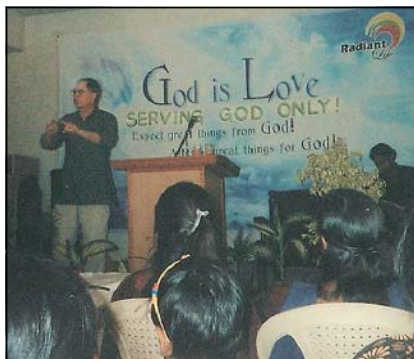
Robert M. Smith
 Pastor Lubaba Wa Kapoya
 Democratic Republic of Congo

a mob of Hindu fanatics who struck him repeatedly on the head. He eventually perished under their hands. Although most of the physical martyrdom takes place in the more northern regions of India, there are pockets of these extreme reactions to the Gospel all over this nation.

Recently, I was in a small village outside Madurai meeting in a village church with about 150 believers. This church has a cement floor and brick walls. There was no roof, doors or windows. One of our Gospelink preachers, Samuel Raj, is the pastor. We worshiped together with great joy and freedom.

I had the honor of participating in a communion service with these precious saints. Afterwards, I gave a Bible message and a charge to the church, as well as to the fifteen candidates who were to be baptized.

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Lou Mancari is preaching about God's love, illustrated through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

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to those who have begun
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OUTREACH SPONSORSHIP:**

Donald and Kathy Walley
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Mozambique

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India

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THE NATIONAL PREACHER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

...linking Christians in America with national preachers across the world

Why Gospelink helps national preachers...

National preachers have many advantages in taking the gospel to their own people. Every national preacher sponsored through Gospelink has already been trained, has helped to establish at least one church, and is actively involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Their morals, work ethic, spiritual reputation, and physical needs have all been verified. With monthly prayer and financial support, they will be able to increase their outreach and accelerate their church planting efforts.

Because the Lord's return is drawing closer and the unfinished task remains so extensive, would you pray about what part you might have in helping one of these national preachers advance the gospel in their area of the world? Whatever they accomplish will be fruit that abounds to your account, also.

How Gospelink helps national preachers...

Gospelink seeks to secure five sponsorships for each national preacher: three Ministry Sponsorships (\$35 per month each), one Outreach Sponsorship (\$25 per month), and one Training Sponsorship (\$15 per month).

The Ministry Sponsorship funds are used to help the preacher with the basic needs of his family, such as food clothing, shelter, medicine, and his children's education. The Outreach Sponsorship funds are used to assist the preacher in evangelism and in providing outreach materials, such as, Bibles and tracts. The Training Sponsorship funds are used to help cover the costs of national and regional training opportunities and to provide study materials and curriculum. Please look over the profiles of the preachers (located on pages 6 and 7) and pray about your involvement.

***How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?***

Romans 10:14,15



DURAIRAJ FAMILY

**India
(Tamil Nadu State)**

Pastor: Samuelraj
Spouse: Koilrajam

Child 1: Shekinah
Child 2: Joshua

(plus 1 other dependent)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

I was raised in a Christian family according to Christian principles. My parents compelled me to read the Bible and pray as a daily routine. In spite of that, I was a worldly person. I had bad friends and was involved in harmful and sinful habits. One day my father became sick, and we sold our property and spent all the money we had for his treatment. I was very desperate since I was a student at that time. I shared my problems with a prayer group. When I attended an evangelistic meeting the Lord convicted me of my sins and I accepted Christ as my personal Savior. The Lord changed my stubborn nature. I always wanted to have my way but I learned to adjust to those around me. My father was healed. Heavenly peace filled my heart. I committed my life to Christ and was eager to do something for Him.

My wife, Koilrajam, was the second child of godly parents. Her parents were very strict in making her pray and read the Bible, but she lived like any other person. She didn't have peace or meaning in her life. When she went to college she had to stay in a hostel. They had prayer groups. The leader of the prayer group shared the gospel and taught them the word of God. Koilrajam eagerly learned God's word. She began to attend Sunday services regularly. The messages touched her heart, and she confessed her sins and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Koilrajam grew spiritually, and there was a great change in her life. God gave my wife a great concern for souls. Many students that she led to Christ are serving the Lord fulltime today.

When I was attending a youth camp I sensed God calling me for fulltime ministry. The Lord gave me the privilege of studying at a Bible school, and I then began working in the ministry. My desire is to have a part in establishing God's kingdom in India.

Sponsorships needed: 3 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

THOMPSON FAMILY

India
(Tamil Nadu State)

Pastor: Manohar
Spouse: Shaly
Child 1: Dholin

(plus 1 other dependent)



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

My forefathers were Hindus, but my parents were godly Christians. After finishing my bachelors degree in science, I went into business. I was addicted to drinking, and I had other bad habits which were leading me in the path of destruction. I suffered loss in my business and ran into debt. I became desperate and drank more. Even in my hopeless condition I didn't seek God. I followed the ways of the evil one and thought of committing suicide. My mother prayed daily for me with tears. When she invited me to see a pastor I agreed. I wanted to give God a chance before I died. The pastor patiently heard my problems, prayed for me and told me that Jesus was the only way. I visited him often, and as I heard the word of God I was convicted of my sins. I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. The burden of my unbearable sin rolled away, and the Lord gave me glorious freedom from all my addictions. The Lord filled me with kindness and love for others, and I experienced the peace of God.

My wife, Shaly, was raised by godly parents. She attended church but did not know Christ. One day a guest speaker came to her church and spoke about the sins of people. Shaly was convicted and wept and confessed her sins. She accepted Christ, and peace filled her heart. There was a great change in her. Shaly longed to serve the Lord. She wanted to do effective ministry and prayed with great concern. God is using her tremendously.

After my salvation I had a great burden for those who were living in sin. I began to do evangelistic work, and to equip myself I took Bible courses. I was soon able to teach others, also. I prayed and sensed God calling me for fulltime ministry. I am serving the Lord joyfully along with my wife.

Sponsorships needed: 2 Ministry; 1 Outreach; 1 Training

I would like to CONNECT with a national preacher



through Gospelink's Sponsorship Program!

(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Send free newsletter: via regular mail
 via email at: _____

I would like to CONNECT with a national preacher's:

- Ministry Sponsorship (#1) \$35.00 per month
- Ministry Sponsorship (#2) \$35.00 per month
- Ministry Sponsorship (#3) \$35.00 per month
- Outreach Sponsorship \$25.00 per month
- Training Sponsorship \$15.00 per month

I would like to assist the following preacher and his family:

- DURAIRAJ Family
- THOMPSON Family

If my preacher has already been connected with another family:

- Please assign me another national preacher.
- Please contact me for further instructions.

Please Note...

Each sponsorship for a national preacher is a monthly commitment. If a sponsor must terminate their assistance, they should try to give as much notice as possible so efforts can be made to locate another sponsor for their preacher. Sponsors will receive a profile on their preacher, prayer cards, bookmarks, quarterly ministry reports and occasional photographs. All preachers must comply with Gospelink's local, regional, national and international accountability procedures in order to maintain their sponsorship.

(If the first sponsorship donation is included, make check payable to Gospelink)

Complete and remove this page and mail it to:

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When we went outside to the baptism pool (a hole in the ground) there was a tension in the air that was literally felt or sensed by everyone. There were some people from the surrounding town watching with a look of anger. Several yelled out in their native tongue what I later found out were words of a threatening nature.

The last person to be baptized that evening was an older man. He had a smile of joy all over his face. As he stepped down into the water, Joshua translated the pastor's comments to me. This seventy-five year old man had spent most his adult life as a Hindu priest. Just months earlier, he had placed evil curses on the people of this church and encouraged some of his Hindu followers to do acts of vandalism to the pastor's house. He had been gloriously saved just weeks ago when this pastor shared the love of God with him in the face of this man's hatred. Oh, the power of the cross of Jesus Christ to save anyone! And, praise be to God for the grace He gives to His servants in the midst of such persecution and rejection.

After the service that evening, I sat in the home of Pastor Raj and listened as he shared that this man and his family had taken in several children from families who did not want them. In certain parts of their culture, if a family has a baby



(Above) Joshua Vijayakumar meets regularly with Gospelink preachers for prayer, training and accountability. Mary, his wife, diligently translates the preachers' reports for their sponsors.

(Below) Preacher Samuel Raj is baptizing a former Hindu priest who just months ago cursed him. The Gospel of Christ is powerful.



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and at the same time some misfortune and tragedy comes to their home, they believe it is because that child is cursed.

Therefore, the parents will seek to give the child away or, even worse, totally abandon the child.

Pastor Raj and his dear wife have two such children in their home and have unconditionally loved them and shared the love of Christ with them. These children are radiant with the love of this godly family.

As I was being blessed by these dear believers, I started to be deeply challenged and convicted by my own lack of pure commitment. I was at least comforted by the knowledge that in some small way I was partnering in God's Kingdom work with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Would you be willing to also partner with one of our Gospelink preachers? They are part of the amazing CSI team...the "real" Church of South India. They are actively seeking to preach the power of the cross and to bring people out of the darkness of a heartless karma and into the marvelous light of God's Kingdom! Christ never told us to leave people to their karma, but commanded us to lead them to His Kingdom! They desperately need your help.

To help an Indian preacher with monthly sponsorship assistance, complete the form on [page 8](#), and return it to Gospelink.

THANK YOU
to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with a
TRAINING SPONSORSHIP:

Roy and Jamyne Schneider
Pastor Benimana Jean
Democratic Republic of Congo

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Pastor Andrey Shibkov
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James and Jolanta McGlowan
Pastor Muthusingh Devadhas
India

Tim and Paula Schortgen
Pastor Louis Ndikubwimana
Democratic Republic of Congo

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Sarah Smyser
Pastor James Mkango
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Pastor Thom Vuong
Vietnam

Lane Gordon
Pastor Viet Vo
Vietnam

Elida Roe
Pastor Paulraj Pithamuthu
India



(Above) Iris Mancari is sharing God's love and needed food with children in the city slums. These kids are sent out daily by their parents to beg on the streets.

(Below) People are not to be left starving because of their karma. Here a Gospelink sponsor paid to feed some poor folks through a village church.



THANK YOU
to those who have begun
assisting a national preacher
with a
MULTIPLE SPONSORSHIP:

Benjamin Spooner
Pastor Kabaso Cosmas
Zambia

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Ukraine

James and Sylvia Robertson
Pastor Ba Vo
Vietnam

John and Helen Thomas
Pastor David Kachipanda
Malawi



THE CURRENT NEED

...unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask

Bibles for Believers in Malawi

At least six out of every ten Malawian Christians surveyed do not own a Bible. Gospelink Malawi has instituted a program whereby a Bible will be provided for any person who will memorize James chapter one. If you can help, complete [page 15](#).

Printing Press for Malawi

The next step is to begin printing Bibles in the local dialects. This can be done from the Agricultural Training Center in central Malawi. Gospelink is praying for a single-color press. Do you know anyone who may be able to help with this project? If so, call Gospelink with the details (434-485-7007)

Mattresses for Students

We still need some mattresses for the college students at the International Bible College in Zambia. One twin size, 6" foam mattress covered in sturdy fabric, with one twin bed sheet set costs \$50. To help, complete [page 15](#).

Container Needs to be Shipped

The next container is being prepared for shipment to Zambia. It will provide resources for out-

reach venues and the Bible College. The cost will be around \$16,000. To help, complete the form on [page 15](#).

College Student Funds Needed

The International Bible College has an enrollment of 30 students this year. Since the African students attend the college free of charge, funds are needed to offset some of the costs for their food and water. To help, complete the form on [page 15](#).

Study Bibles Needed

Many of the national preachers do not have a Study Bible. For a preacher, this tool is an absolute must! The average Study Bible costs about \$50 to purchase and ship overseas. To provide a study Bible for a national preacher, complete the form on [page 15](#).

Bible Concordances Needed

A Bible Concordance is a valuable tool needed by every national preacher. Many of the Gospelink national preachers do not have one of these resource books. A typical concordance costs about \$20 to purchase and ship overseas. To help, complete [page 15](#).



Bible / Tracts for Zambia

Gospel tracts and Bibles are needed for the Zambia outreach venues in 2010. The materials will be purchased in the USA and shipped overseas. The cost to purchase one gospel tract (includes shipment to Africa and local distribution) is 12 cents, while the cost to purchase one Bible (includes shipment Africa and local distribution) is \$2.50. To help, complete [page 15](#).

Bicycles for Preachers

Many of the national preachers do not own a bicycle. Such a tool would be of great value in enhancing their evangelistic and discipleship efforts. They could travel much further and faster. A bicycle can be purchased for about \$100. To help, complete the form on [page 15](#).

THANK YOU

**to those who have given to the
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Michigan

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Pennsylvania

Vacation Bible School OFFERING PROJECT

This summer, Gospelink is once again sending teams from the USA to Africa. The teams will be involved in all types of evangelism and ministry projects. Thousands will be reached with the gospel. For maximum effectiveness, various outreach supplies are needed.

If your church is conducting a Vacation Bible School this year, would you consider directing your offering toward the project below? Participating churches will receive photographs showing how their funds are used. Contact Gospelink for more details, or complete the form on page 15 to let us know of your desire to help.

V.B.S. PROJECT

Total Offering: \$300

Provides the funds needed to evangelize ONE public school in Africa. Supplies will include: Bibles, gospel literature, and sports equipment.

A Vacation Bible School offering of \$300 will provide the resources needed to evangelize ONE public school with an average enrollment of 500 students.

2010 V.B.S. GOAL

**50 CHURCHES HELPING
25,000 STUDENTS REACHED**

Many Thanks...

to those who have given to the
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I would like to assist with...THE CURRENT NEED!



(PLEASE PRINT)

First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to help with a *Current Need* project this month:

- 1. Bibles for believers in Malawi Enclosed \$ _____
- 2. Mattresses for Bible college students Enclosed \$ _____
- 3. Overseas container shipment Enclosed \$ _____
- 4. Student Fund at the Intl. Bible College Enclosed \$ _____
- 5. Study Bible (for a preacher) Enclosed \$ _____
- 6. Bible Concordance (for a preacher) Enclosed \$ _____
- 7. Bibles for Zambia schools Enclosed \$ _____
- 8. Gospel tracts Enclosed \$ _____
- 9. Bicycle (for a preacher or his spouse) Enclosed \$ _____
- 10. Wherever Needed Most Enclosed \$ _____

Please contact me with information about helping with the 2010 Vacation Bible School mission offering project.

I want to help an orphan with a sponsorship of \$30.00 per month, beginning in the month of _____. Please send me my sponsor materials. My preference is a: **GIRL / BOY**

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