

COACHING LEADERS IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

We continue to provide coaching through an organization we helped to develop. Our 25 leaders in South Asia are getting a call every two weeks for accountability, leadership development, etc. We provide help for people going to India for the purpose of training our leaders there.

Recently, we received a report from one of our leaders who is a Hindu convert, and now leading a church planting movement. They currently have churches in 60 villages while 20 more villages are asking for them. Our leader said that sometimes he is overwhelmed about how to train and lead all the churches, but the coaching calls have been a great source of encouragement and strength.

COCHRANES' CALENDAR

May 17—Steve traveled to Turkey to speak at a conference for our staff there.

June 12—Elisabeth has been asked to be a YWAM representative at a meeting with 40 mission agencies on the subject of *Business As Mission*. More and more of our workers in India, Nepal, Central Asia are missionaries, but can only be there if they are involved in some type of business enabling them to get a visa and have a legitimate role in the eyes of the government and local non-Christians. This is a growing trend in missions.

July—The girls go to Panama with the church youth group for a mission trip. They are excited to be on the mission field again, which seems normal to them.

July 5-10—Elisabeth teaches on cross-cultural communication.

September—Steve will be back in India speaking in several gatherings. He will also be stopping in Switzerland to meet and plan for some new developments for YWAM's Global Training schools.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our foreigners working in India. We have about 300 - 400 non-Indians from 40 different countries working with YWAM in India. Recently, the laws changed forcing them to leave the country every 6 months for 2 months unless they can change their visa type, making it very difficult for families.

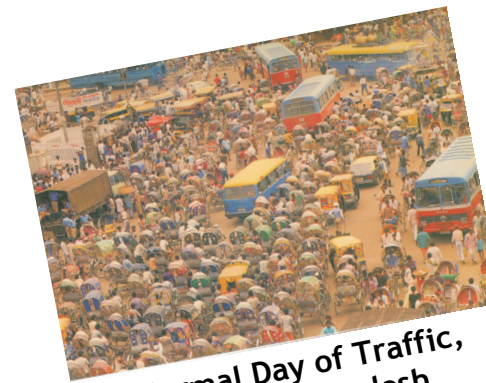
A car - When we came to the States about 1½ years ago a friend blessed us with a very nice car, which has been wonderful. We however have come to the conclusion that with all the activities happening we need another car. If you know of someone who has an old car that we could use please let us know



COCHRANES' CHRONICLES



Ywam Staff Speaking to Unreahed, Pune, India



A Normal Day of Traffic, Dhaka, Bangladesh



A Crusade Our Staff Helped to Organize



OUR RECENT TRAVELS—INDIA and BANGLADESH



Bangladesh



As many of you know, we were to be able to observe the 25th anniversary of our work in Bangladesh by gathering with 300 of our staff there, to talk with them, consult with our leaders, and encourage the workers. Many of the staff work in extremely difficult conditions, so these conferences are very beneficial, offering times of fellowship and opportunities to be with the Lord. We were amazed to hear the stories of what God is doing through their ministries.



We as a family stayed in one room, sat on the cement floor to eat, and for the meetings. We had mosquitoes and it was about 100° and absolutely loved it and felt as though we had come home we were so comfortable.



One of the workers from a Muslim background named Barun was at the conference. We have been part of his discipleship and leadership training. Today he oversees our work in North Bangladesh where we have 25 staff members running a sewing school to train the very poor, a discipleship training school for new believers and church planting work in areas where there has never been a church and work in the village and slums.



Our work in Bangladesh now has eight training locations throughout the country and the staff is involved in the slums, building hospitals, clinics, schools, starting churches, running Bible schools, etc.



Steve was involved with helping this whole ministry start 25 years ago. We are so thankful to God for His work.



India



We were able to visit our workers in Mumbai and Pune and met with our leaders to encourage them and help them to plan for the future of their ministries. Some of these ministries are a night care for children of prostitutes in Mumbai. Previous to this effort, the children would play right where their mothers were working. Another is a ministry that has helped about 40 prostitutes come out of slavery. These women are sold into this and are basically slaves. We now have started a church for them and it keeps growing.



OUR FAMILY

More and more we feel adjusted to the US, but I think we will never fully feel only "American". It usually is the small things that remind us that our thinking is different. For example, when someone in India offers you tea it always includes milk and sugar, here it most often is black. Or, because the weather was usually very hot in India we usually wanted to sit inside, where as here as soon as the sun comes out we want to sit outside. These are a couple of examples of differences.

The girls continue to do well. They are both doing well in school, busy with youth group, bible studies, friends, dance, drama, babysitting, etc.. Annalisa recently was chosen to act in a commercial for some new technology for Microsoft. She enjoyed that. They both leave in about three weeks for Panama on a mission trip with the church youth group.



Sitting in Bangladesh Staff Conference

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW...

What do you do on a daily basis here in Gig Harbor?

As a result of good technology, we are in touch daily through many e-mails and skype calls to our workers in the field. We consult leaders on managing difficult issues; we try to help them by putting them in touch with churches with whom they can partner; we work to raise funds for different ministries (all of our staff have to raise their own money for their support and their ministries). We also meet with people that come through from India and with people interested in going to India or to work in the Muslim world. We attend different mission meetings wanting input from our work in India. We also speak in mission training schools and churches. We are able to do things to help our work in India, living here in the U.S., that we could not do while in India.