

## AMMI MINISTRY NEWSLETTER - MAY 2020

### **Sunny John, Kerala, India**

Sunny and his videographer have produced a video presentation of the Gospel. This short video will be played at the end of each television program. His program is on Harvest Television broadcasts to the 45,000,000 people from Kerala who speak, **Malayalam**. Many in this 13<sup>th</sup> most populist state in India, are well educated and scattered throughout the world in professional positions. For example, during my recent operation, several of the doctors, and nurses were from Kerala. Sunny's program, reaches this population in different countries. Pray God will anoint the Gospel video presentation in addition to Sunny's preaching to touch the soul of many people.

We are thankful for an AMMI donor who recently gave a generous donation to pay for the cost of one year of the television ministry. Meanwhile, please remember the other regular expenses that exist that need funding; The Trinity Worship Center, the John's living expenses, and medical insurance.

Sunny's daughter Stara is studying social service in Canada. Her goal to return to India to be a help to those in need. Pray she will do well in her studies and be equipped to be a witness for the Lord through helping others.

### **Philly Witness Team**

The Coronavirus lockdown has stopped our street evangelism. However, Geoff Robinson is working on evangelism video's and we are discussing a new internet project to promote the Gospel to both Jewish people and Catholics. We will make a video to discuss, how authoritarianism in both the Catholic Church and Rabbinical Judaism replaces biblical doctrines, and obscures the authority of Scripture. Please pray for this new development.

Albert has a great passion to proclaim the Gospel to the lost. In a recent conversation I encouraged Albert to become familiar with Facebook so he can find an internet outlet for his passion to present the Gospel to the unsaved.

Albert recently had to leave a church that was uncomfortable with an associate minister's Sunday School classes on Evangelism and his general promotion of the necessity of personal evangelism. They insisted that he stop this type of ministry. What a sad situation that a church that claims to be a Bible believing church would take such an oppressive position. The Bible says we need to be ready in season and out of season to give a reason for our hope.

Albert loves witnessing. He is frustrated, that very few believers have a burden for the salvation of their neighbors. Jesus taught us to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Think about this commandment, what it means, and how it should effect our lives. Considering the portion, "love our neighbors as ourselves," we have to remember that our unsaved neighbor **are** on their way to Hell. The agony our neighbors will suffer in Hell is real. Out of love for the unsaved people we meet, we need to learn how to witness in a multiple of situations. We need to get past our concern about being rejected or being inadequate.

It is not natural to go outside our comfort zone and share the Gospel. We need to learn how to initiate spiritual conversations and explain the Gospel. It is necessity that we practice with our family and friends. This will not only help us be prepared but also encourage those we practice with. Go to

YouTube and look for Christian witnessing training, read books on explaining the Gospel, and practice with your family to encourage them to also make witnessing an everyday part of their lives.

### **The Elkins**

Many people are visiting our website [www.ammiministry.org](http://www.ammiministry.org), our YouTube channel (Ron Elkin), and our Facebook page. Much thanks to retired Professor Ken Morgan, who faithfully keeps our webpage up to date and is also a supporter of the ministry. The teaching on the website, Facebook, and YouTube are influencing many people to consider the Gospel or learn how to witness for Jesus through the Jewish Scriptures (also known as the "Old Testament"). There are times when I can interact with those who visit Facebook and YouTube and make comments. Some people just want to let me know their rejection of the Gospel, others are open and have sincere questions.

Also through Facebook, I have met church leaders in Africa and Asia who influence many people in their communities. Unfortunately, most are mixing a religion of works with faith in Jesus. If they are willing to learn, I am instructing them in the Gospel of Grace. As Paul taught, "we are saved by grace, not by works least anyone should boast." These leaders are in Kenya, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and other locations. It is important they consider the Bible's teaching on the Sovereignty of God in all areas of life, including our salvation. As Jesus taught, "No one can come to me except the Father draws them." Please pray for these pastors and elders to grasp the incredible gift of salvation God has granted us in Jesus. And, influence their followers to believe in the complete cleansing work of Jesus. "Truly, truly I say unto you, whoever believes Me and Him who sent me, shall not come into commendation, but has passed from death to life."

I have recovered from my three operations, enough to begin riding my bicycle and exercise. It has been a rough four months, but thanks to God's wonderful grace, I am getting better every day. I look forward in another week or two to begin rigorous physical therapy. This will help me continue to enthusiastically serve the Lord and take care of my wife.

I have written before about Donna's bone on bone left rotator cuff. Unfortunately, she is not able to have an operation. The operation uses metals that are stronger than bone. Because Donna has no balance, if she was to fall she could shatter her whole shoulder. She is left with periodic pain blockers, and limited steroid injection. Steroid is not good for the joints and can further deteriorate them. However, I am working on something that might help Donna. For bone on bone conditions in the knee, there are several lubricant materials that can give temporary relief (see <https://www.webmd.com/osteoarthritis/hyaluronan-injections-knee> ).

However, these lubricants have not been approved for the shoulder by the FDA, even though, according to our pain management doctor, they are used for the shoulder all over the world. Because the drug companies would not make enough money to go through the expensive hoops to get FDA approval, what could possibly help Donna and others is not available. We are not talking about an experimental drug, but injections that are in use in medically advanced countries. The FDA could obtain the safety and effectiveness records from England, Germany, Israel, France, etc. and based on these records approve the lubricants. But, due to administrative restrictions this has not been done.

I plan to write to President Trump, and the head of the FDA and ask for exceptions be made for Donna and similar people who cannot have correction operations. Please pray other's will join me in an appeal

to these authorities for what could be a merciful help to people in Donna's situation. If you are willing to write to the President, and your senators and congressmen it could be helpful.

Finally, we need dental treatments for both Donna and myself. We have found a team of dentists that are normally as expensive as other dentist, but have one location, as a service to the community, that charges approximately 33% less. The work is done by the same team that is usually more expensive. Even with this discount, we know the expensive will be \$10,000. If you feel led of the Lord, please consider a special donation towards this necessary expense.

Donna and I pray that you and your family will be protected by the Lord from the Covid-19 virus. Don't forget while the virus is a big problem, it could also be a doorway to witness the Gospel.

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Finally, please pray for the salvation of the Jewish people. May God give them eyes to see, and ears to hear, and a mind to comprehend the wonderful grace and forgiveness available through Jesus. There are not multiple ways to forgiveness and peace with our Creator. Jesus said, "I AM THE WAY . . . NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER **EXCEPT THROUGH ME**"

God richly bless you with His amazing presence,

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