



The latest from Chris Wade



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HeavenFire

News from India and other things too!

Testimonies of lasting blessings!

The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. Matthew 15:31

- Mariadas, a 12-year old boy was brought to me by his mother at our outreach in the village of Epur, last October. The boy was dumb, but was healed, and his first word was "Jesus"! Reports from Epur are that "Mariadas who was dumb is picking up well by God's grace."
- I was asked to minister to a mad buffalo, demonically tormented. News from its Hindu owner is "The mad buffalo blessed by you is now OK, [it has] lost it's ferociousness". Praise the Lord!
- Church Growth goes on in villages where we have been privileged to minister. In Kuchelapadu, 15km from Tenali, our first outreach was held in October 2000. The Pastor here is named Gangiah. He's a young man of prayer and humility who ministers in the village in which he grew up and his family still live. Under his

leadership much has happened. In our visits the church has witnessed many miracles of healing, including eyesight restored, sinuses opened, lumps removed from lips and feet—and a man healed of a scorpion sting. Following on from the model of outreach we'd shown, Gangiah and the other local Pastors held further outreaches in July this year, and the church continues to grow! A new church, planted in the urban area of Balajairopet last summer, has now grown so much that it can no longer meet in the Pastor's home. According to Pastor Shadrach, "many Hindus are attending, and coming to know the Lord".

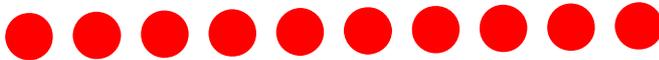
"the harvest is plentiful"!(Matthew 9:37)

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Special points of interest:

- Confirmed healings!
- Deliverance!
- Church Growth!
- Salvation!
- Next visit soon
- Pastor-support
- 4x4 beats rickshaw
- Mission and collaboration at home
- Website addresses



Next visit confirmed

The dates of Chris's next visit to India have been confirmed as November 15th-27th 2002, and flights have been booked (Emirates, via Dubai). Arrangements are being made for a Pastor's Conference, evangelistic outreaches, and church visits. Please pray that Pastor Johnpaul, TEYO Senior Pastor, and Chris will have wisdom and discernment as the preparations are made.

Support scheme for Pastors begins!

In a move which was surprising for its speed as much as for its generosity, St John's Church Bulwell has decided to provide income support for pastors in Tenali. A pastor can support a wife and small family on £15 per month. From its tithe, St John's Church has agreed to send £2,160 to Trinity Evangelical Youth Organisation to enable 12 pastors to be free from finan-

cial burdens for one year, so that they can focus on mission. Please pray with us that the Lord will bless us with the resources to continue this support. "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" (2Cor 9:11)

Readers interested in sponsoring a pastor should contact Chris.

Below: Pastor Shadrach (left) and Pastor Johnpaul (second from right) with worship-leaders at Balajairopet.



God zooms in on Tenali

Now as any Christian pastor whose on the internet knows, invitations to minister fly in thick and fast—Haiti, Nigeria, Ghana, Russia—I've had 'em all, plus emails from people near Tenali who've heard I've been there and have somehow got hold of details. Two particular invitations really grabbed me, though. First, about 2 years ago, I had an email from Suresh and Roja. I discovered they are from Andhra Pradesh, but presently studying at bible college in

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the UK. Over time, I established that Suresh is a genuine Christian pastor (sadly, you can't always be sure) and a few months ago we met. AP is a big state. I still had no idea where Suresh ministered, as his village, Purittigada isn't on the map. We consulted a map. About 1 hour's drive from Tenali! Wow!

More was to come. At a conference in June, an Indian pastor was present from Hyderabad—India's third largest city, and the location of the airport I flew into last November. "Come to minister to our churches" I was told. "We have 200 (!!) situated between Hyderabad and Tenali. Come for a year. Make Hyderabad your base for a year."

Needless to say, no such plans are forthcoming, but *God sure is up to something!*

Check out Suresh at www.indiavillage.org!

Pastor injured in motor accident

Pastor Isaac, leader of the fast-growing church in the rural village of Emani, was injured in July in a road incident. Travelling with a number of other believers to Tenali by three wheeled auto-rickshaw taxi, their vehicle was hit by a heavy vehicle. Isaac fell from the rickshaw and his hand was broken. Travel by road in India is nearly always perilous due to bad driving and poorly-maintained roads. Rural



roads are mostly single-track un-tarmaced, and potholed. Vehicles pass where they can, often forcing others off the road in the process. Four-wheel-drive vehicles offer the only real prospect of safety and security.



Travel on rural Indian roads can be an experience... but not always one you'd enjoy.

Better together!

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! (Ps 133:1)

"Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!" (Ps 14:7). For some months I had been in discussions with Jordan, the Pastor of Bulwell Christian Fellowship (the local Assemblies of God fellowship) about the possibility of doing some evangelistic work together in Bulwell town centre, following on from a successful Good Friday procession of witness. May 29th saw members of our respective churches in the Market Place, worshipping, preaching, handing out tracts, and offering prayer and healing.

churches .. joining together to form teams for evangelism

Subsequently, members of our respective churches, with the local Salvation Army Captain and members of other local churches, have been out doing the same on a couple of occasions.

For some time now I have had a vision of people from churches in Nottingham joining together to form teams for evangelism in each of our

areas/ parishes. I praise God that there are now clear signs of God's anointing on this idea. It would be great if the 'streams' from your area would join in a river of anointing and blessing!

As these joint initiatives have suffered from the organisational difficulties that are familiar to anyone in church leadership, I've also been eager to respond alone spontaneously to the direction of the Spirit. On few occasions during these warmer months I've taken my guitar and bible into Bulwell Market Place and sang worship songs, prayed aloud, read scripture, and preached sermon snippets for an hour or so. It has seemed to be received very well, judging by the responses I got - including people giving me money (!) and a couple of Jehovah's Witnesses wanting to engage me in debate! It shows the need for prayer!

Bulwell Prayer Meeting

One of the blessings that our Lord has given us in Nottingham is a strong unity in prayer. Every Thursday lunch-time, ministers get together centrally for an informal lunch, sharing, and prayer. Locally, other groups keep the city covered with intercession. The one main area of the city that didn't have a local prayer group that was specifically

linked to the network was Bulwell. Since March 2002, that has been rectified. Every month since, about 15-20 of us from a handful of churches have met for worship, encouragement, and prayer—oh, and a cup of coffee and chocolate biscuits! The number of churches represented has grown to about 5 or 6, to cover other nearby parts of north-west Nottingham, but we're still hoping for more! Check out <http://www.prayer-network.org.uk> for more news on the network.

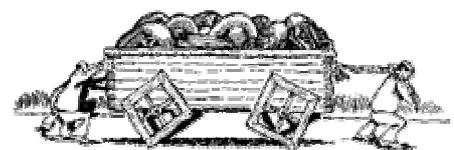
Respond .. spontaneously to the direction of the Spirit

The Father's Song

I'm grateful to Scott Simmerman, 'The Square Wheels Guy', Management Consultant, whose illustrations—and one or two jokes! - have proved invaluable visual aids. Although it seems a long time ago, the day of biblical teaching and encouragement that I led at St Aidan's Basford, at the invitation of The Revd Pat Hemstock, was one of the highlights of last year.

Using Square Wheels visual aids, we had loads of fun, and at the same time heard from scripture about our Father's love for us, and how he calls us to respond to his love. Although I'm

biased, it seems a good way to bring more people from passive church membership into active participation! I think Pat and many more present would agree that it was a really successful day, for which we give thanks to our Father! I'm about to begin work on a couple of more 'Square Wheels' related biblical topics—Spiritual Growth, and Change. If you're a church leader, and would like to discuss ways in which I might help you on these subjects, give me a call!



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Founding Church to close

Morrispet Church, the 'mother' church of the Trinity Evangelical Youth Organisation group of churches, is to close. News from Tenali is that the landlord of the land on which the wood-and-palm-leaf building stands has given notice to quit. The group, founded by the father of brothers Isaac (the present pastor), and Johnpaul Pinapati (TEYO Director) began some 50 years ago in this small church building, large enough to hold about 50 people at a

crush, and now extends to about 15 churches. Situated, literally, between the railway tracks and mere yards from a malarial swamp, the church not only holds sentimental value to the church family, but also is located in a significant position on the outskirts of Tenali town. Pray for a new site to be made available.

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St John's Church, Bulwell

St John the Divine

What our money buys:

Food for a family of three	£ 1:00 per day
Multivitamins aid the nutrition of poor people	£8:00/ thousand
Bibles in the language of Andhra Pradesh, Telugu	£ 1:25 each
Bicycles—let Pastors make visits	£ 32:00
Outreach Meetings— approx includes hire of canopy, vehicle, electrics	£ 50:00 each
Pastors Conference for around 100-150 Pastors	£400 approx
'Bible Woman' sponsor a part-time ladies' Pastor by supplementing her income	£ 7:00/ month
Pastors—enable a Pastor to devote himself full-time to the Lord's work	£ 15:00/ month
4-wheel drive 'jeep' second hand, around	£5,000

Can you help?

Cheques should be made payable to 'St John's Church Bulwell'. Please write 'Mission Fund' on the back of the cheque. All donations will be acknowledged.

Send to Chris Wade (address above), or to Mr P. Giles,
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HeavenFire.org

At last I am getting around to having a website! By the time you receive this newsletter (or shortly after), the website should be 'up and running'. HeavenFire is my personal site, covering areas of ministry and personal interest, although until St. John's Church Bulwell gets its site (it's in the planning stage, too) mine *may* cover the church too.

Why HeavenFire?

Have you tried finding a domain name that says something about your Christian ministry!! Seriously though, HeavenFire

describes exactly what I want to be known for: it speaks of Pentecost (Acts 2:3), of God's presence on Mt Sinai at the giving of the 10 Commandments (Dt 4:36), of the promised coming again of our beloved Lord Jesus (2Thess 1:7), and it speaks of the passion for Jesus (Ro 12:11) that fills me and motivates and empowers the ministry that God in his mercy has given me.

Log on to www.heavenfire.org for a version of this newsletter and lots more stuff.

Chris.

Weather Report

Latest weather reports show the monsoon season has arrived in coastal Andhra Pradesh, to the relief of the community. Despite widespread drought, crops had not been badly affected, but the arrival of the rains has brought welcome hope for a good harvest, without (as yet) any threat of flooding.

For the latest weather news, visit

<http://www.andhrapradesh.com/apwebsite/weather/weather.html>

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