



**“Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men’s hands.” Psalm 115:4 NKJV**

Friends: May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and yours this month of February! I was blessed to visit friends in India last November; I will share thoughts with you about that time this month. I first visited India in 2006 and this was a blessed reunion with friends there.

Idolatry

Our verse above speaks of idolatry and India, a largely Hindu country, is full of Hindu temples like that at the top left, in which thousands and thousands of gods (idols) are worshipped. The people worship trees and animals. So, there is obviously a great need for truth in this dark land. Please pray God will bring gospel light to this land.

Revival

I was blessed to share with friends there about revival (a favorite topic of mine) and encouraged them to pray for revival. The church is greatly challenged on many fronts these days and in need of God’s reviving, refreshing and strengthening work. India saw revival in 1905 as the effects of the revival in Wales reached the country. At left are photos of the church I visited and of a house meeting that I really enjoyed, also of a worship team. The worship of the people was loud, strong and clear and the people had great interest in learning about what God has done in past revivals. Pray with us for India, for the USA and for all nations from Psalm 85:6: “Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You.”



Hinduism

I learned much, first hand about Hinduism while there. It is a collection of religious and philosophical thought and was not founded by an individual. It is pantheistic; everything is God. They see that God is everything. Life for a Hindu is about living a good enough life (having sufficient good works) to escape the possibly endless cycle of life, death and reincarnation through karma (the universal law of cause and effect). If one’s works are not sufficient, one is reincarnated in a less noble form, perhaps as an insect. Their hope is to achieve enlightenment, called moksha, and eventual salvation and an end of reincarnation through their efforts. Some of their more prominent gods are Brahm, Vishnu, Shiva and, Lakshmi. Pray for Christ to save Hindus and others in India.



Persecution

I was aware that there is much persecution in India, but I wasn’t aware how my friends there have been persecuted. They showed me their scars and told me of their attacks by radical Hindus. Pray for grace for the persecuted there.



Amy Carmichael

I was blessed by the work and writings of Amy before and during my visit. She rescued children from Hindu temple prostitution and other horrors. Her work continues today. I thank the Lord for her and her labors! Amy’s desire for God changed lives! We appreciate your prayers as Jim travels to Romania for ministry in February.



KAPPY'S CORNER—Wings

I sat alone in the study of a Ugandan pastor. He and Jim were busy just outside the door distributing study Bibles to the leaders of the congregation. The pastor had graciously offered me his study while I waited. As I looked over all of the books on the shelves, a movement outside the only window caught my attention. A hen was walking along a low ridge with a small brood of chicks in tow. She gave a sudden signal and immediately the chicks went running and hid under her outspread wings. All of the chicks but one went running, that is. That one was still out in the open, intent on scratching and pecking at the ground. As she signaled again, the straggler went running undercover as well.

When the pastor came in, I mentioned what I had seen. He made one comment that has stayed with me all these years: "There is an eagle."

So which chick am I? Am I one of the chicks that ran immediately for protection and nearness, or am I the chick that lingered distractedly for a bit and then ran?

I knew that when we came back to America, I would be faced with more distractions than I'd had in Uganda. Life was simpler there. Jim and I didn't have smartphones. We didn't have a television. Now we do. I often find the technology that is supposed to save time does just the opposite.

For example: I recently managed to clear my small desk of unfinished projects one night—thus eliminating the temptation to work on them first thing in the morning. I placed my Bible in the center of my desk so I would read it before I did anything else . . . so far, so good. Then, first thing the next morning my phone informed me—an update could not be installed because my storage was too full. I proceeded to try, with my very limited knowledge of smartphones, to free up some space in my phone. Two hours later, my Bible still sat unopened in the middle of my desk. Jim came in and promised to show me how to manage the storage more easily in the future. Of course, I'd been praying, "O Lord, please help me do this!" He answered by sending my husband to stop me from doing it!

I did get to the Bible. However, I had less time and felt hurried. It's not the same as being still and sitting at His feet in adoration. It's not the same as meditating on His Word in prayer. It's not the same as preparing my heart for the troubles of the day ahead by seeking Him early. It's just not the same.

I praise God, by His grace and mercy, not every morning is like that. The morning I wrote this, I spent a very pleasant time drawing near to God through Psalm 139. The Lord knows me, loves me and protects me!

"How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings."

- Psalm 36:7 NKJV

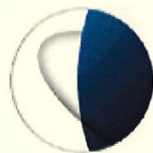


We appreciate your prayers as Jim travels to Romania for ministry in February, thanks!

May our Lord bless you in His wonderful grace, *Jim and Kappy*

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