



*Children*



*Priest & family*



*Waiting for rain*

have more sent from Ahmedabad. No! Also no chance of getting Christian books in this area so it was decided to get a note pad and pencil as school starts next week for some of the children. Asked here and there and diverted round and round. 7:30 p.m. all large stores shut. We stopped at a small store selling lollies and Bishop wanted to buy some extras. He used his charm and the proprietor said he could take us to a store that had books.

(No doubt one of his relatives), so on his scooter, Follow me! And he introduced us to the store. We purchase 400 books and pencils. Now we are set. Back to Hotel, cleaned up and off to dinner 9p.m. French fries and cold coffee, the only safe items.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>.** Taking tablet proved wrong move “constipated today”. Toast and tea for breakfast. Laundry arrived back, mine looks O.K., but Bishop and Evangelist, iron marks on white shirts, they are complaining. Off

to a very remote, hilly, rocky area. It is a miracle how crops could grow when it rains. In the floor of the valleys can be seen how the water would run through. High up on the hillside we see the pavilion flapping in the wind so a walk up to Priest Shankar bhai’s home which is used to hold services for Ode community.



*Typical farm*

The storm wind picked up and blew part of the canopy away. Unfortunately, because the L.A. collectors were at the village, all were expected to attend and pay their dues for another year. This meant some could not come and others would be late, so we waited. Like all communities the men were under the tree, no doubt discussing politics, farms etc. and the women sat in a circle with a lot of chatting going on. Approximately 70+ attended with 50+ being sealed. In this community they sing the hymns a little differently, but it sounds good. Usual children and special prayers for some seeking help. Lunch in the usual way, wife of Priest is a cooking teacher so she prepared some non spicy dishes for me. Very good too. Walk back down hill to the car and stopped at Priest Jivaji Saklaji Samalaji home where he and his family were not able to attend any



*Sisters in discussion*



*Priest & family*



*Community*



*Sealing*

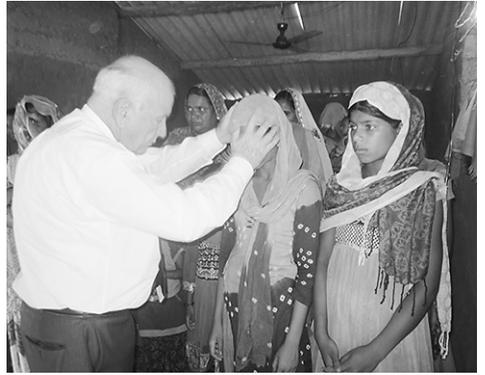
services but desired to be sealed, so we had a small sealing service for them. 15 sealed. The community we were scheduled to go for a divine service was uncontactable by phone for the last two days. Would they be ready? The Bishop and Evangelist for that area decided as it was a long distance that we should not risk it. We hoped they are not waiting. Back to hotel and a chance to rest until dinner time. We tried to find a different restaurant as the one here serves Indian veg only, but could not locate one so back to salad and chips. Pack again as we check out tomorrow.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.** Last services scheduled for this district, we travelled across the borders into the next state of Rajasthan where there is a community. This area is mountainous and stony, dry riverbeds, farmers are to be admired. Across a mountain range where trucks are all in low gear, passing on either side. Extra prayers. We picked up Evangelists but roads now closed, so asked him, pointed here and there, where is Modhar? Finally we have connected. This area is where radical Hindus dominate and attack other beliefs. Second Evangelist emerges from river bed and signals to drive across but the driver refuses, frightened of the big stones, so all get out, gather up items needed and single file, walk up and down. 46 degree Celsius heat. We reached the home of Bro. Bhurjibmai, where the church service is held. All sit on the floor as usual. Choir is accompanied

by traditional drums. Approximately 50 attended with 40+ sealed. Bro. Bhurjiomei was then ordained as a Priest in this now new community. It was previously visited and established by the Evangelist. Children of course and then lunch with usual chilli but



*Walk to community*



*Sealing*



*Community*

I managed rice and sweet rice. We walked out another way as the Priest wanted to show us his farm and four mango trees. We headed off and Evangelists were having trouble contacting the next community as there is no phone signal in that area. When contact was made, due to mix up, there were only a gathering of six for service. As we have to travel back to Ahmadabad and it is not good to travel at night, the



*After Service*

Bishop decided not to stay. In all seven communities who were not visited on my last trip, were not visited again as time did not allow. They have been promised to be first next time. Back to Ahmedabad. On the way we pass a road inspection post and it looks like a truck graveyard. The rules are if not up to safety standard they have to leave them there until fixed. It appears the cost of repairs must be more than the truck is worth as some have been there for quite a while. Back to Hotel for one night and then we fly to Elder Joe's district tomorrow. Evangelist Sanjay will come as an interpreter and help with the training of officers. Fish and chips on menu tonight, No Chilli!

## Photo Gallery – Gujarat / Rajasthan



*Dry farming*



*Service Ahmedabad*



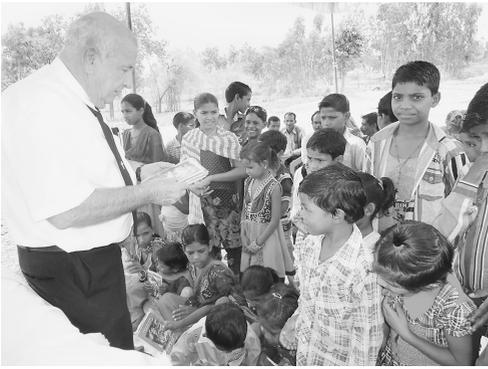
*Priest Ordination*



*Apostle Flor addressing children Ahmedabad Community*



*Apostle Flor addressing Officers in Ahmedabad*



*Apostle Flor distributing bible story books to the Children*



*Bamboo scaffold ( No Workplace Safety Officers here! )*



*Bible story books for children in Borva Ambazaran Community*



*Bishop & family*



*Evangelists purchase goods (Note Chillies for sale)*



*Ev. Ditabhai with family.eps*



*Divine Service at Kalol*



*Group photo after service at Gungatalayi*



*Group photo at Bamera*



*Had to use a torch to read text*



*Babies are rocked to sleep*



*Meal time*



*Lunch at Evangelist Samuel's home*



*Members are being sealed at Bamera Community*



*Members from Zalod town*



*Members are being sealed at Ode Community*



*Members in queue for lunch*



*Members partaking in Holy Communion*





*Bro. Sandeep & his fiancée*



*Priest Bhurjibhai*



*Priest Bachubhai*



*Priest Rajesh*



*Priest Daniel*



*Priest Vishwas*



*Priest Badarbhai*



**OFFICERS WITH WIVES AND FAMILIES**



*Priest Jayanand*



*Priest Jagdish*



*Priest Joseph*



*Priest Limabhai*



*Priest Lalit*

**OFFICERS WITH WIVES AND FAMILIES**



*Priest Sadubhai with family*



*Priest Shankarbai with family*



*Priest Jagdish preaches*



*Airport sign that says "No Bribe Please"*



*Tea break at seminar venue*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.** Breakfast, packed up, checked out and collected at 11 a.m. for the airport. I was told the communities we missed were sad as they wished to be sealed so Bishop has arranged if it suits me, that on 22<sup>nd</sup>. which was to be a tourist day, those who can, will come together for a morning service. What could I say? Perhaps that is why I could only get a reasonable Singapore connection from Ahmedabad. Through security at airport then on the first leg to Chennai. One hour late leaving. Indigo Airways similar to Jetstar, no food, no service, but cheaper fares. It cost R100 for a cup of tea. At Chennai, through security again and wait for Jet Airways flight to Madurai, due to get there at 9 p.m. Good food on this flight, "No Chilli"! Bishop had arranged for a car to collect us and we discussed plans, seminar and what was happening in the district. He said Elder Mohan also arrived today and Priest from Nellikuppam will be here tomorrow. Finally showered and to bed at midnight.



*Ready to travel*



*Now that's a shower!*

**Beloved Apostle in Christ!**

My loving greetings to you in the sweet & precious name of our lord Jesus Christ! Apostle, I got your e-mail first I thank God for your safe journey in India and back to your home safely by the grace our almighty God. Thank you very much for your wonderful biblical teaching from the depth of the Bible. God has revealed many secret things through you with the help of Holy Ghost guidance. All the officers, they were so happy and enjoying because of the your deepest teaching but they felt sorry for short time it means only three days at least we need one week teaching. We (Tamil Nadu district officers) have to learn more from you if God wills next time or may be next year. Priest Rayappan and his wife felt sorry for that they couldn't attend the seminar due to his wife sickness (Breast cancer) it was operated and taking rest she is under the haemo therapy treatment she had sent a letter to me and witnessed about last time teaching for her treatment she had to spent more money for Pr. Rayappan no income for him she is getting pension pray for her. She mentioned in her letter that she has lost great opportunity this time, she tried her level best but unfortunately she could not come to seminar. Already few