

AWESOME INDIA

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Our Faithwalkers India conferences and North India mission trip were a great success! I want to thank every one of you whose prayers and financial gifts helped make this possible. I hope you will enjoy these photos and captions that help tell the story.



/om Tom Short



Faithwalkers India consisted of five separate one-day conferences within a two-hour radius of our base in the city of Nizamabad. We anticipated 750 students to attend, but the actual attendance was closer to 1,125! I delivered four messages from the book of Philippians, each day focusing on advancing the gospel, the nature of true Christian love, guarding against false religion, and simple ways in which to meditate on and obey the Scripture.



One thing you never forget about India is the near chaos you experience on the roads. Many of our students traveled great distances to get to our conferences. This auto rickshaw was designed for five people, but 21 young people experienced an hour of very close fellowship on the way to and from Faithwalkers India!



Providing lunch for the students is part of typical Indian hospitality. Cooking rice and dhal for up to 300 people over a single, open fire was quite a feat! Even though more students came than we anticipated, the Lord always seemed to multiply our rice so that we had enough to feed the students and share with nearby widows and orphans.



It's difficult to be a Christian in India, and the level of persecution is increasing. India has more unreached, unengaged people groups than any nation of the world. The needs are overwhelming. Many of the Indian churches are composed of small numbers of elderly women simply trying to survive. But our conferences are drawing large numbers of young, hungry, enthusiastic students—many of whom are the first in their family to attend college and break out of poverty. These young people give me hope for the future of the church in India!



After Faithwalkers India, I traveled to North India where I spent three days with this team of full-time evangelists. My good friend, Mike Keator, who founded the ministry RUN Global recruited this team. Due to his evangelistic efforts, Mike is no longer allowed in India, so my availability to train, teach, encourage and simply deepen relationships with this hardworking group was really important. This team evangelizes all day, every day. They are seeing significant fruit, but they also experience a great deal of attack from the enemy and, thus, really appreciated my encouraging visit.



People all over the world understand that being able to converse in English is a significant key to their future success. I've long wanted to use modern technology to link American Christians to foreign students who want to learn better English. We are finally launching this project with students we met in India. Our English conversation partners will discuss selected Scriptures and biblical concepts. The Indians will practice their English while we will be practicing our evangelism and discipleship!

UP NEXT







FLORIDA INTERNATIONALFebruary 15 - 19



CENTRAL FLORIDAFebruary 23 - 26

SPRING TOUR

After a number of holiday conferences, I'm about to head back onto America's campuses. The need for God's Word to enlighten souls in this dark mission field has never been greater. Three interns will be joining me as we preach the Word, sow the seed, seek the lost, contend for the faith and compel people to be reconciled to God!

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FLORIDA STATE February 29 - March 2



NORTH FLORIDA March 3 - 7



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PRAY FOR US

- 1. English Conversation Partners: I see incredible potential to help American Christians take a virtual, short-term mission trip to India every week via Skype. Pray that we can execute this idea well and that true evangelism and discipleship will take place. Ask God for the right volunteers from America to be paired with the most receptive students from India.
- 2. Spring Tour: Pray that God's Spirit will anoint us with power and that we will proclaim God's Word with clarity, persuasiveness, conviction and urgency. Pray that many will respond in faith. Pray for good weather. Pray for unity on our team. Pray that God will be glorified in ALL that we do!



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