Overseer Blames Dissidents and the Internet



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WINGS is focused on protecting children from CSA and on helping victims. WINGS has no intention of undermining the fellowship, but we are concerned when we read an overseer's letter that places blame on others and does not recognise the harm done to victims.

Following the letter from Lyle Schultz, we have posted some comments posted on a fellowship member's public blog, that provide a useful analysis of Lyle's letter.

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Dear Fellow Labourers in India;

I am sorry for the long silence on my part since I left the shores of your country on October 30 last year. I have been in touch with several of you individually but this is the first general letter that I have directed your way since that time. You may be aware that I flew direct from Bangalore to Canada via Paris landing in Deer Lake, Newfoundland 34 hours after taking off from Bangalore. Newfoundland is where my brother, Dale and nephew, Steve are stationed. Steve Shultz, as you likely know, is a brother of Rob Shultz who visited India two years ago. Their field consists of the western side of Newfoundland and the territory of Labrador. There are only three friends in Labrador although it is a vast rugged country. I arrived in Newfoundland two weeks before they closed their mission to participate in the special meetings in that part, so got in on their final round of visiting and the last two gospel meetings there. Then I had the privilege of attending four special meetings in Newfoundland, one in New Brunswick and one in Nova Scotia. It was special to spend that time with Dale and Steve and others on that staff. I had never before visited Newfoundland and had only very briefly been in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick once before for conventions during one of my previous home visits.

After finishing the special meeting tour in Eastern Canada, I returned to Saskatchewan which is my home province. It was arranged for me to rejoin Larry Greenaway in Regina and that is where we have been since then. I was with Larry in this field the first part of last year before I left in mid March to come to India, and it has been good to get back to this area and these people that I am familiar with. We have several young professing families in this field so we always have children in every meeting to labour for and hope for. Besides them, there is a young Chinese couple who have been coming regularly recently. ---- and ----- are obviously very interested in what they are hearing and told one of our friends recently that they so much appreciate listening to truth. Other messages have been confusing to them. It is very special to have genuine interest to labour for, and I trust that there will be even better things than this to report about them as they continue to listen. It is arranged for Larry and me to attend special meetings in Minnesota and Iowa during the month of April this year. We will leave here on March 29 and expect to return on April 28. Iowa is the State where both my father and mother were born so we do have some relatives down there but have more or less lost touch with them over the years.

It was good to hear reports of your convention season passing without any serious interference from dissident people. There is a movement that is sweeping the whole world to undermine the confidence of the Lord's people in the ministry and fellowship that Jesus established while he was here. The people at the center of that movement pretend to be interested in cleansing the Kingdom, but in reality their principle aim is to destroy it. Many others get innocently caught up in that movement not realizing that most of the information provided to them on the Internet is untrue or only partly true. Unfortunately, there have been some disappointing and unwholesome things happen amongst us. There always has been and always will be as long as human nature is part of the equation. Each of us does need to be on guard against the many subtle forms that self takes to try to get its own way. Prabhakar and Saju and their helpers are under a lot of pressure as they guide the staff through these perilous times and I urge each one of you to stand by them and give them your wholehearted support. That is the right and godly thing to do.

I am sorry that I cannot write individually to each of you but do invite you to get in touch if you have concerns that I may be able to help you with. May the Lord be with each of you and and give you the grace to accept the things you cannot change and to change the things that He shows you need to be changed in your service, attitude and spirit so that each pair of workers will be displaying the fruit of the gospel as well as preaching the word of the gospel.

Thoughts and prayers are with you all,

Brotherly Greetings,

Lyle.