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Dear Ones,

Greetings to you from dear India in Jesus' precious name.

You know India is not a young country like USA. Still, she became an independent nation from Great Britain on 15 August 1947. My call to India, as His servant, was on 15 August 1948. A few days after that, I was at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Four years after that, we (my dear wife Marie, our wee Sheila Marie and I) were new missionaries in North India. Now, sixty years later, I say with Grace Reese Adkins:

By and by when I look on His face, Beautiful face, thorn shadowed face; By and by when I look on His face, I'll wish I had given Him more.

This morning, I discovered a small and very poisonous snake in my bathroom. I do not like them. We do not have nearly as many cobras on the compound as we had in earlier years, and there are too many people for the Royal Bengal tigers to go up and down the road in front of our house now. Wild elephants kill more people here than tigers now. The real enemy is much more difficult to see.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12.

It gives me great joy to be able to tell you some of the battles have been victorious. He has worked and answered so very many prayers. Thank you for being a part of that.

Today, we continue to face many battles. Pastor Ronen has suffered a badly fractured knee and lower leg. Pastor Saifal's wife is very sick right now. I am having physical problems. Always, always added to that is: "the care of all the churches." II Cor. 11:28. My need for documents is still pressing. Many of you have prayed. Thank you. Please continue to do so.

Please do rejoice with us in all He has done and is doing. Please continue to pray for His work here in North India, in South India and for our families in USA.

Joyfully in Christ,

Carlisle Hanna