

New Lifer News



Dear New Life Family

by Bob See

I was never good at math and therefore, often, when people start tossing statistics and numbers at me, my eyes glaze over (and so does my brain, for that matter!). **But there are some numbers that grip me and so, at the risk of getting too “mathy,” check these out:**

- **Today fewer than 20% of Americans attend church regularly**
- **Half of all churches in America did not add one single new person through conversion**
- **100 years ago there were 28 churches for every ten thousand Americans; today there are only 11 churches per ten thousand**

THESE are numbers that should be factored into the plan or vision or thinking of any group of Christians. And it's these kinds of numbers that compel us to press forward in expanding the ministry of the Gospel through New Life. Another statistic is at work in our thinking too:

- **New church sites or church plants are four times more effective at evangelism than established churches**

There is a dynamic of ministry that is released in the context of bringing church to a new location that, on average, quadruples the evangelistic impact. When New Life was forming its five-year plans, the longing in our hearts was to see more people reached for Christ. And given all the numbers I cited above, it just makes sense to push forward, expanding New Life's ministry by adding new sites. **New Lifers, please pray for God's direction and empowerment as we move this vision of expanding into reality.**

Thanks for reading.

One, True, Living God

by Suzie King

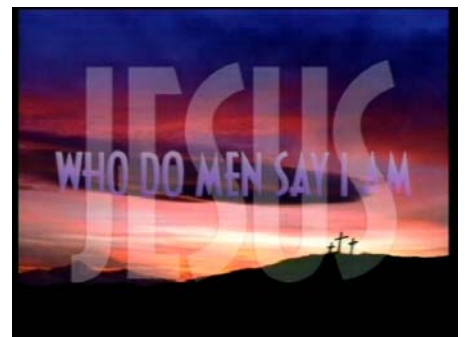
I have gone on several mission trips to different countries and have seen different religions and their beliefs. I had heard that Indians worship many gods and this trip to India allowed me to see for myself what I had heard was true. I saw statues of animals on the roofs of houses and all over the city streets as well as sacred cows roaming around the cities. It reminded me of people in the Old Testament who had religion, not a relationship with the One, True God.

Our New Life Christian Church mission team (Dave Troyer, Jim Peugh, Ann Bare, and I) visited a few churches in India, and I had the privilege to share my testimony with one of the congregations. I had to wonder how many of the people in that church really understood the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and His Lordship. Do they really understand that He is the One, true God? Do they know that He is the only way to heaven?

An Indian Pastor informed me that because of generation after generation of worshiping many gods, some people just add Jesus to their list of gods that they already worship. This is one example in life of how demonic spirits can deceive and confuse people because of not knowing the Truth and how important it is to have a relationship with Jesus. When people came to the altar to receive prayer, my heart ached for them. Within my spirit I said "Oh God! Help these people find You and know the Truth, Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer.

To see the spiritual darkness in the people's faces reminded me how powerful *strongholds of generational curses and demonic spirits* were in my life before I came to know God. I can't stop thanking and praising God for delivering me from the bondage and helping me to know the Truth. I grew up in a family that embraced Buddhism and other beliefs. Peter preached strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this (perverse) generation that has gone astray." Acts 2:40

We may not have statues of different Gods in our homes, or sacred cows roaming through the cities like in India, but we do have many different religions. Some people seek the truth in fortunetellers, psychics, palm readers, tarot cards etc., or have allowed money, fame, status, sports, and other things of this world to become idols. God gave us warnings throughout the Bible that He is a jealous GOD and that he punishes to the third and fourth generations of those who disobey His command to love the LORD GOD and worship HIM only. Christ also warned us not to follow false teaching because not knowing the truth will lead to destruction in our lives. What we do on earth will be judged by GOD on judgment day in heaven.



The word of God says, "If anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ** he is not **HIS**" and unless one is born of **water and the spirit** he cannot enter the kingdom of God." We need to simply abide in His Word, know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH will make us free.

I pray that the Spirit of Truth would come to those who do not know "The One, True, Living God."