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## EMMANUEL and HOPEGIVERS INTERNATIONAL

World Outreach Church has been blessed since 1981 by the friendship of Archbishop M.A. Thomas, founder of Emmanuel and Hopegivers International in Northern India. Through the last five decades, a great faith has forged Emmanuel and Hopegivers, which are dedicated to feeding and rescuing tens of thousands of homeless and helpless children in India and beyond. These ministries further endeavor to develop a generation of trained Christian leaders and workers, envisioned and equipped to take “HOPE” to many.

God has greatly blessed the Thomas’s and those who minister with them through many years of toil and persecution. The fruit of their efforts has been great. To date, 96 Hope Homes for orphans are established in all 28 states of India, serving as a haven of refuge for over 10,000 children. An additional 10,000 Hope children are being cared for in Malawi. There are also 190 Emmanuel Day Schools and English-speaking schools, 53 medical clinics, a hospital, nursing school and over 500 colonies for the leper-afflicted.

Beyond this, internationally accredited seminary graduates from the 92 Hopegivers Institutes are committed to reaching multitudes more desperate children and adults all over India. Hopegivers is committed to the goal of being a model for all the needy villages in the world, believing that it is truly possible for every neglected child to earnestly be reached. The Thomas’s know that the fulfillment of this vision takes millions of dedicated lives-laid-down, but they also know the millions already exist – they just need to be deployed!

WOC founders, Dr. George and Mrs. Betty Jackson were privileged to be invited by Bishop M.A. Thomas in 2003 to minister in a weeklong Pastors Conference in Kota, Rajasthan, India. They taught to over 4,000 pastors from Derek Prince’s material, Blessing or Curse, and chronicled the following:

“We arrived there on February 16th – the Conference began on February 18th. We gathered in the open-air - evening after evening - in the green fields of India. Over 4,000 pastors, 1,500 graduating seniors and 1,500 orphans were all kneeling on rugs which had been spread over the lush grass, near the Faith Worship Center–Martyrs’ Memorial where Bishop Thomas was to speak. His text on one of those evenings, while addressing the class of 1,500 Bible School Graduates, was Matthew 10:16: ‘Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. His summation of this verse - ‘God will give you the wolves if you love them.’”

Bishop Thomas’ humble yet challenging words of self-sacrifice had been riveting, simultaneously creating both remorse and hope in the hearts of all who heard. In a later correspondence to Derek Prince, the Jacksons paraphrased the crux of the messages: If

you are not willing to die for your faith, then do not begin the journey. It may very well cost your life!

Please join us at World Outreach Church as we pray fervently for the Thomas family, for Hopegivers International, for all the children and workers therein and for all India.

We believe God has indeed given these brave servants of the Lord their plea - India, for the Glory of God!