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Quarterly Newsletter

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THE FACES OF LADAKH

As we welcome December, we are anticipating all the exciting activities that come with our celebration of Christmas. What a joyous time to remember what God has done for us In sending his only Son in the form of a tiny baby. We love to hear all the familiar Christmas carols and perhaps will be spending time singing in pageants or caroling for our neighbors. The stockings are being



hung, the trees decorated and plans are being made for that big Christmas dinner. We are out shopping for that special something for those we love. But most of all we will be celebrating the



birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. "For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." This helpless child came to live among us and die for us that we might be with Him sinless forever,

SOME HAVE NEVER HEARD

Yet there are people around the world who have never heard the message that God loves them.



That is why Beyond Tears Worldwide goes to the unreached people of Northern India. In this Newsletter, we would like to introduce to you the faces of the people we have encountered during our many team trips. Lou Felo always reminded us that the first time you visit, you are a stranger but the second time you are a friend and can have the opportunity to speak.



How does BTW earn the right to speak? One of the major projects we do is construction. By working alongside the people in each community, we become friends and they learn to trust us. They may be curious as to why we come this long distance to work and we are able to show them God's love through our actions. At some point they may begin to ask questions that we are free to answer.



Another project is the "Values Education for the Classroom" which is more than reading and writing. It teaches students how to get along with others, to cope with stress and make plans for their future. Issues can be raised about the existence of God and the love of Jesus during the teaching of this curriculum. We have developed Science and



Craft projects and because many of these schools are poorly equipped, we donate classroom supplies and sports equipment.



Our Kindles project is always well received. The Kindles are pre-loaded with exercises and Bible stories.

2021 CENSUS OF LADAKH



According to the latest information, the population of Ladakh breaks down to 37,469,335 Rural (61.33%) and 23,625,962 Urban (38.67%) in an area slightly smaller than Portugal.



Literacy rates are 68.73% in the Rural areas while much higher in Urban with 85.78%. The statistic show that Muslims form the most popular religion followed by Buddhist then Christian, Hindu, Sikhism and Jain following at much smaller percentages.



Nearly all activity is agricultural, with the exception of the large number of monasteries and the major regional trading towns of Leh and Kargil. The farming of barley and wheat is tightly constrained to the summer months between May and September.



Pastoral herding of yak, sheep and goats suits both nomadic and settled communities while the latter also cultivate the barley, wheat and peas and increasingly horticulture (apricots and apples).



Agriculture also determines the social movements, as in winter the entire household might move up to the pastureland of tending large herds. School age children and the elderly usually remain in the village year-round.

NEW PROJECTS

BTW is working on some new projects which you will have to wait until our next Newsletter to find more about but I will give you a little "tease."

- (1) One-Dollar Glasses
- (2) Working with hospitals
- (3) ZakBijbel
- (4) ECHO seed ministry



PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Wisdom as we prepare our application to the ECFA.
- 2. As we prepare our New Projects and that they will be well-received.
- 3. Plans for our 20th anniversary in 2022
- 4. As the Board makes plans for the 2022 team trips.



MANY THANKS

To you all who have supported our BTW ministry through these many years. Your prayers and donations have been essential to our being able to spread the Gospel to these unreached peoples .

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