Orissa flame

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Previous Stories of Orissa ….

A jeep burns in the town of Padampur, in the eastern Indian state of Orissa Aug. 25. Police were ordered to shoot rioters on sight in Orissa to tame rising anti-Christian violence that has killed at least 14 people as of Aug. 28, 2008. (CNS photo/Santanu Biswa l, Reuters)

A video grab shows people putting out a fire at a Christian orphanage burned by a mob in the town of Bargah, in the eastern Indian state of Orissa. (August 31st, 2008 CNS photo/Reuters TV)

ORISSA After the Killing of Graham Stain and his two sons……

A Cursed Land ???
A Anti-Christian State ???
A Land of Living Dead ???

OR
What else ???

How you view today's Orissa? There are several interpretations about the suffering church in Orissa today:-

- Some people began to designate and call Orissa as **cursed state in India** after the super cyclone took place in the year 2000. The unbiblical thought captured people minds, even some Christians that God has cursed the land – Orissa due to the killing of the Australian missionary Dr. Graham Stain and two sons.
- Others sources such as news papers and magazines entitled it after the story of super cycle as **Living Dead**. It was because of the chaos and the crisis took place in Orissa by Super Cyclone.
- To some Orissa is known as anti-Christians fanatic Hindu state. It has been already known as **State o**f **Temple** for its numbers of temples and religious place.

Now how YOU should view Orissa today as Christian? What are the response and responsibilities of other churches in India to Orissa church today? What Christian missions is doing today in Orissa?

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Dear bothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I am so glad to write few things that about people perspectives about today's Christianity in Orissa.

Today church in Orissa is in agony and persecutions for her faith in Jesus Christ. Persecution has been the story of the church since the inception. It is the nature of the church and I personally believe it is one of the secretes of growing church (Matthew 16:18). It is an on going war between the church and gates of the hells. But yet the church already been promised with the victory by Jesus Christ Himself. Victory over the power of darkness and the world that is against her is a historical fact today. Church is moving on, moving on and will be moving on in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is the picture of a Biblical Church !

- What should be our views and perspective towards a persecuted church? How can we as Church and as one family of God carryout God's commission if we look our brothers and sisters as cursed members? This is the same mistake some friends of Job did in viewing his sufferings and pain. Are there not other states in India, like Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, etc where Christians are persecuted? To my observation past stories have records of all the states where Christians are persecuted till now. In this sense we as Christian should not call one of them as cursed one.

  There are other places where natural calamites like super cyclone has taken place, Gujarat had faced a great earth quake during those days. But sadly natural calamities like flood, drought, cyclone etc have become life style for people of Orissa. Moreover it is not only the Christians who faced those calamities but also people of other faith too.

  Church is always blessed with all the heavenly blessings and power and never ever purposed as cursed rather predestined to bring blessing to all the nations of the world.

- If the Orissa states and status looks like a living dead, it is our responsibilities to go and resume before they given to eternal death. Macedonian church did not left the suffering church in Jerusalem in famine in their situation rather collected the offering and send. (2 Corinthians. 8). What can we give to the suffering brothers and sisters in Orissa? This I leave unto our Lord that He will speak to you.

- Orissa is definitely a Hindu state. But this should be a problem for the church in India today but an opportunity for spreading the gospel. Jesus would look Orissa as a harvest ready to be gathering.

    1. To prophet Ezekiel Orissa suffering church would be like a valley of dry bones which can be revived and change into a great army for the Lord (Ezekiel 37).
    2. To Nehemiah Orissa's burning church would be like the burning gates and walls of Jerusalem who would go to rebuild them.
    3. To Jesus the neglected Christians in Orissa would be like a ready-made harvest soon to be gathered.

My friends what's your perspectives of persecuted Orissa church? What would be your response and responsibilities towards your brothers and sisters? Don't we hear the same cry of Macedonia that Paul heard- *Come and Help Us*! I do thankful and appreciate our dear friends who are praying and supporting Orissa church.

HOB : *Tribal Transformation Ministries …*

- **Who can separate us from worshiping the Lord ?**
- **Who can destroy our Worship Shelter ?**

- **We are created in the Image of God!!!**
- **Jesus Loves !!!**
- **The Kingdom of God is in us !!!**

- **This is the Day of Our Salvation …**

- **These Tribal are clothed with beauty of His holiness and redemption …**

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