

## **The Largest Gathering in History**

# 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Million People - the Largest Live Audience in India History!

#### What an amazing event!

As I write this I've just hung up from talking on the phone with our associate in India Simon Haqq. He has just returned from speaking a 45 minute message to the largest live crowd ever gathered in India: 2 1/2 million people!!

Simon told me that when he looked in front of him there were masses of humanity as far as he could see. He saw the same thing when he turned to his left and the same when he turned to his right. He spoke to an indigenous Indian Christian denomination which has its annual



A Small Glimpse of the Vast Multitude

meeting once a year and draws these kinds of crowds. Simon spoke to them year ago and there were 2 million people. The crowds are growing!



Before the meeting Simon asked God to "let them see the manifestation of your glory." Simon said that after his message when he invited people to receive Christ and lead them in prayer there were shouts of praise and masses of people crying and many received

Christ by the hundreds of thousands!

After the sermon he left the speaking platform to have prayer with some of the people. The crowds pressed upon him with so many wanting prayer. In fact, the pressing crowds began to become dangerous and the security personnel stepped in and removed Simon from the crowds fearing a stampede!

We rejoice with our associate Simon in the marvelous manifestations of God's saving grace!

### A word about Simon Haqq

*Christ in You* has been supporting Simon Haqq and his associates in India since our inception. I met Simon Haqq on my first trip to India in 1998 when with a small group of young people he was starting a new church in Delhi. Since that time he has planted numerous churches throughout the city of Delhi and in North India.



There are many more Christians in south India than in north India, so we want to focus our attention more in the north. This is where Simon and his colleagues concentrate. Simon is connected with a network of hundreds of pastors. He

travels all over India conducting evangelistic meetings in addition to pastoring the churches in Delhi, including the home church that meets in his small apartment.

As we've described in a previous newsletter there is also a concentrated effort in reaching the untouched area of Haridwar where now we have 24 new churches. This is due to the diligent work and prayer of Simon Haqq and his associates.

Because Simon works among the poor he must depend upon outside sources such as *Christ in You* for assistance in ministry. We're so glad to help because such a small amount of money goes a very long way in spreading the gospel.

\$100 a month will support a pastor in an Indian village. Two dollars will supply a Bible which is in great demand. Therefore your prayer and contributions are strategic in bringing hundreds and thousands of people to Jesus Christ!

#### **Orphans in Cramped Quarters**

Simon lives in a simple apartment in a huge complex in Delhi. For about two months he (along with the help of church members) have taken on 15 orphans. They had to leave their orphanage building and they are waiting for their new building to open up.

In the meantime these 15 children have been sleeping on the floor and staying in Simon's small apartment. There have been a number of adjustments, but Simon says it has worked out surprisingly well so far!



15 Orphans Living With Simon!



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