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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

We recently were applying for our visas to go back to India. We had everything filled out and then at the end of the application there was added a clause: "During this period, I shall not engage in preaching or religious activities while in India". We understand this is on all of the visas to India. We could not in good conscience sign that. There has been an increase of persecution in India.

We had been praying for the Lord's direction in the care of Ruth Ann's elderly mother. With this visa situation, we feel this is confirmation from the Lord that we should stay here and help take care of her. Our home will be in Janesville, Wisconsin.

This is a huge change in our lives as the first time we went to India was 40 years ago while we were in college. We started the ministry 38 years ago. The Lord has given us faithful men and women ministering to the deaf in six different places in India. Most of these do not get support from us except for the one in Coimbatore where we have a church and school for the deaf. The church and school in Coimbatore will continue under Pastor Daniel Mani who has worked with us about 35 years. We continue to need the sponsors for our students and support for our teacher, Sivaganam, and Pastor Daniel Mani.

We are seeking God's will as to how he wants us to minister. I am available for preaching in churches. We will continue to keep you informed of the work in India and how we are serving Him here in USA. If you specifically want the support to go to the ministry in India you can just write that in the memo on the check otherwise just send it as you normally do.

I just came back from preaching at a revival meeting in Maryland. A Moslem lady from Iran accepted the Lord as her Savior at the meeting. We, also, heard from the deaf work in Northeast India in Nagaland that 25 were baptized on Easter morning! That work is pastored by Yanger Walling. Praise the Lord!

We always appreciate any cards or letters. Please do not send them to India, but to our home address: 1808 South Walnut St., Janesville, Wisconsin 53546. Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we seek the Lord's will and guidance. Thank you for your faithful support. Bruce & Ruth Ann Schwalbe