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My dear friend:

Twenty-five thousand people in the State of Kerala, South India, have walked out of the World Council of Churches! I have been telling the story of our amazing and glorious experience when we returned to India the last of January, 1962, for the first great convention of the recently formed St. Thomas Evangelical Church. I have never seen anything like it. It is thrilling beyond words. These people have gone into the fields, under the palm trees, under their bamboo sheds, and have formed over 200 new churches. They have forsaken all because of modernism, sacerdotalism, the World Council of Churches, and Communism in church circles. There are few experiences in a lifetime that one has which can compare to this. Jesus Christ has been placed above every earthly and worldly consideration and it is real.

But these people have suffered and are suffering all manner of persecution, financial sanctions and loss. For ten years they worked inside trying to save the church and when they found that it was impossible, they obeyed God and came out (II Cor. 6:17).

This is the land where St. Thomas, the Apostle of our Lord, is reported to have gone in 72 A.D. and started the church. These men are carrying on the true gospel witness.

We have returned from India and have proposed to all of our friends, churches, radio listeners, that we raise an "Easter Offering" for these brethren, to help them and the expansion of this testimony in Southeast Asia. They have nothing. During the past year they have already erected one building for their Bible school. We would like to use some of this money to help them with some of their building needs. Also, with a printing press so that they can get busy and get into the propaganda field as quickly as possible. And, third, to help in the expansion of this work with other contacts which they have in Southeast Asia.

The World Council of Churches has sought to consolidate India and the Southeast for its ecumenical church. I believe their leaders are stunned. This word describes it well. Some of them are literally petrified and the booklet which the Mar Thoma Church has put out to try to stop the exodus is entitled, "In This Century of Ecumenism It Thus Came To Pass!" Yes indeed, it came to pass because these dear Bible-believing brethren refused to go on and be a part of the World Council with its inclusivism, its modernism, its pro communism, and its program to build the one world church. The break is coming.

I am reproducing the picture of a dear old man, 88 years of age. I met him. He gave all that he had. He had a plot of ground which belonged to him. His wife is gone. And he turned over all his possessions. He is going to live in his little house on the property but a new, lovely, big church has been erected and I was there and participated in its dedication. I saw in this Indian Christian his glorious faith in a Christ who had been raised from the dead.

Easter is a time when we all rejoice with exceeding great joy.

May we share that joy by sending a gift. Will you please be a part of this and join with us in helping these dear brethren? Make your contributions to - 20th Century Reformation Hour and mark it "Kerala." These contributions are all deductible on your Income Tax. But please let our churches and every individual do something. I am printing here, too, some of the buildings which have been sacrificed and a picture, too, of the open fields.