**Action that Transforms**

A small cart pulled by a cow left Nagpur in 1868 and travelled for five days carrying Rev. Oscar Lohr to Bishrampur, India. He was the first missionary in the region from the United States representing the United Church of Christ. In 1885 another cart left Jabalpur and travelled for three days through the tiger infested forests of what we call Kahna National Park to Bilsapur. In this were three ladies Miss Anna Boyd, Miss Kingsley and Mrs. Adams representing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US.

Missionary Anil Henry writes, I am in India today on behalf of the many missionaries who followed, and the congregations of these two mainline churches of America that were two of the six churches that joined in the unification of the Church of North India. I am filled with thanksgiving every day for their vision and hope. It is not only my seven years of service with the Church of North India on behalf of Global Ministries in Mungeli, but a second generation of mission work that continues after the legacy of my parents namely my mother Mrs. Nancy Henry who was sent out by the United Church of Christ 50 years ago as a young missionary nurse, and later married my father Dr. VK Henry.

In the small area of Mungeli, we try to show God’s love through the running of a hospital (120 beds) and school (500 children). We ask for strength as we move toward the construction of a new school building, a cancer centre, starting nursing education and working with the community to help them better understand that our faith has very little value if we do not have action along with it.

We pray with the Henrys, asking God to transform our lives with courage and cleanse us so that we may be better vessels of God’s work.

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