

# From the Guest Editor

Dear Reader,

If you have been tracking with the IJFM you will recall the Spring 2001 issue's report from the *Institute of Hindu Studies* regarding a new network called the *Rethinking Forum*. Perhaps you read about this network in *Mission Frontiers* or maybe you're hearing about it for the first time. Regardless, you will find here the reflections of network associates, men and women practicing non-traditional, highly contextualized methods of Biblical witness among Hindu peoples.

These folks sound the need for a new, more radical paradigm for ministry among Hindus. We hope that this handful of ministry models, stories and case studies now in your hands will aid in the process of evaluating past and current ministry in the Hindu context. Our prayer is that you will be challenged to embrace new models of ministry that will make the greatest kingdom impact.

We have sought to bring together the research and experiences of those with a common vision for reaching the Hindu world. In this issue you will:

- journey down the Ganges River meeting devout God seekers along the way
- grieve with young people struggling with church politics and policies
- meet up with the barefooted,

- safron robed intellectual Brahmabandhab Upadhyay
- encounter NV Tilak as he seeks out the "Indian Christ" of the Bible
- witness Channappa Uttangi's influence and acceptance in his Lingayat community
- consider if Jesus is the perfect embodiment of Indian dharma
- read stories of the community tensions encountered when Hindus come to Christ.

In this issue you will also find a handful of book reviews. We hope that these reviews will encourage you to dive into some of these books for yourself. The *Institute of Hindu Studies* can provide ordering information for the titles mentioned.

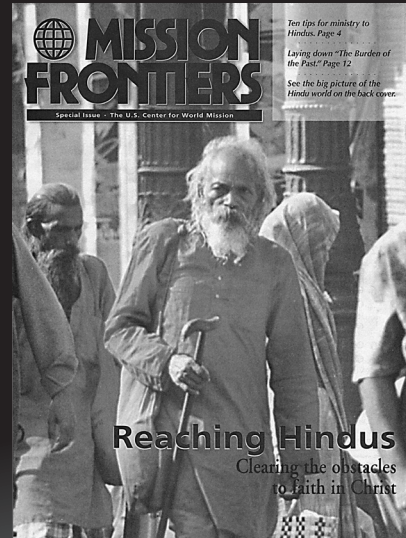
It has been a privilege to help edit this issue for you. Please contact us for more information on the ministries of the *Institute of Hindu Studies* at [ihs@uscwm.org](mailto:ihs@uscwm.org).

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The Rethinking Forum is a global network of cross-cultural workers who have a passion for introducing Hindus to Jesus and the Biblical faith. Members endeavor to promote and facilitate the birthing of Christ-centered movements within Hindu cultures and communities.

The Forum is currently conducting training and awareness programs for churches, schools and organizations, running a resource center, operating a web page and facilitating a network. Plans for a review journal are now underway. The second annual conference will be held September 6-8, 2002. See ad on page 194 for details.

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