

## VBS in India

As you may know, Jaya left for India in December of 2011 with a team of 15 young people from High Mill Church of the Resurrection in Canton, Ohio. They went there to spread the Good News of Jesus



Christ through VBS. They went there thinking they would be teaching a couple hundred children. To their surprise over 800 children from the surrounding villages

## Bunk Beds Update

We have finished making bunk beds for four out of our six children's homes. Thank you all for your help. The children are very



happy to have these comfortable beds to sleep in.

of High Mill Children's Home in Sitarampuram attended for 3 days. What a blessing it was to teach that many children the word of God. It was the first time for many of the children to attend VBS.

After I arrived in India late in March, everywhere I went the village children told me how they were blessed and enjoyed the VBS. They liked the American youth and enjoyed immensely the games they played with them and the Bible stories they learned. Many of them asked me to bring more Americans to India for more VBS. The US youth made a great impact on the lives of many young children. We pray that it is just the beginning in their lives to live for Christ. If you would like to send a youth group from your church to India, please contact us.

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs:22:6*

One home in the jungle area is still in need of beds. We need 35 of them at \$200 each so that all of the children in this home will have a bed. We need your help.

The remaining home doesn't have a place for bunk beds; we are renting space and do not have a permanent location yet. We would like to build a home there when we find enough land that we can afford.

## God's Protection!

When Jaya and I were in India, the four of us (Jaya, Jesse, Stacy, and I) were traveling a great distance in our van and I had decided to take a driver along with us. I usually drive myself, but when we go far away I like to take a driver along who knows

how to fix the van in case it breaks down. Our van is 13 years old and is not always reliable.

I was sitting next to the driver when I felt that something was not right. The van was going very fast and I realized that the driver had fallen asleep and his foot was pressing down hard on the gas pedal! We were about to hit a semi, so I shouted at the driver to wake up. We thank God for delivering us from a terrible accident. If I had not sat in the front seat and if the Holy Spirit had not alerted me that something was wrong, we would have all been killed. Praise God for His protection!

When we go back to India we will be looking into buying a newer van so we can avoid situations like these and also the costly repairs that are beginning to happen more and more frequently. If you would like to help us with this need, please let us know.

We are planning to be in the U.S. until January or so, and would love to see as many of you as we can. If you would like to arrange for us to come to your church and speak about the work in India, please



let us know so that we can schedule a date and time. Once again, thank you for your prayers and support. God Bless you!

In Christ's Love,  
Jacob Beera

### Children in Children's Home

- ☐ I want to sponsor \_\_\_ child(ren)  
☐ \$20.00 per month ☐ \$240.00 for a year  
**Evangelist(s)** \_\_\_  
☐ \$30.00 per month ☐ \$360.00 for a year  
☐ \$25.00 for a lantern ☐ \$25.00 for a drum  
☐ \$50.00 for a bicycle  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Bunk beds  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Van for India  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas gift/Where needed  
☐ Please send more information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*All gifts are tax-deductible*

### ...A Children's Home

For \$20 per month, you can sponsor a child in one of our children's homes. We will send you a photograph of the children that are being fed, clothed, sheltered, and educated in one of our children's homes. We will also supply information about an individual child at your request.

### ...An Evangelist

For \$30 per month, you can sponsor an evangelist to reach the lost. We'll send you a photo and testimony. So many are willing to go, but they need your help to be sent.



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# Hope Ministries Update

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Dear Friends,

By the Grace of God and your prayers, Jaya and I have returned safely from India. We had a fruitful trip. We thank you so much for your continued faithful support and prayers. Without you, we could not do all the things that we are doing in India to advance the Kingdom of God.



We had a happy time with our own children, Jesse and Stacy. We were surprised to see how much they have grown! Jesse is now in the seventh grade and Stacy is in the sixth. They are attending our school, J. Beera School, in Sitarampuram.

While I was in India, I traveled and spoke in various gospel meetings conducted by HMI pastors and evangelists at Hope churches. We also held gospel meetings at believers' homes. We usually have a large crusade at Mori, but not this time because our schedule didn't work out.

I had the privilege to solemnize six weddings and attended many more while I was home. Weddings are all-day celebrations with music, food, and fireworks.

I was able to visit all of our children's homes twice and made some needed improvements on buildings and facilities. It was good to see the children and know that they are being well-cared for. God is working in their lives. Praise the Lord!

## A Widow and Her Daughters

When I was taking photos of the children at the Hope Children's Home in Machilipatnam, the caretaker of the children's home called a teenage girl to write down their names. He told me that this girl had just finished high school, but

if they belonged to her husband. She looked at them and said that they were her husband's things. She was devastated. She had two small children to care for and they were living in extreme poverty.

Soon after, the Hope Children's Home was opened in Machilipatnam. Esther



she couldn't make up her mind what to do next.

He also said that her sis-

ter had also finished high school. They are the daughters of our cook, Esther. He shared with me the story of this family.

Their father worked by pulling a rickshaw to support the family. They were living in dire need of food and clothes. One day, like any other morning, he left home with his rickshaw to find work, but didn't come home in the evening. His family thought that he probably found some extra work and would be home late, but he never came home. They didn't know what happened to him.

More than a month passed. Then the caretaker of our children's home, Joseph, heard the story and went to the police station to investigate. Since they knew Joseph as a former gang leader, they quickly responded and told him there had been an accident a month ago. Since nobody claimed the body, they had buried him. There were a couple of things that belonged to him so the officer brought Esther to see



brought her two young daughters and admitted them in our home for better care and education. Then she was hired as a cook at the children's home.

When I heard this story, I was really touched. I asked the sisters what they would like to do. They both said that they would like to continue their education. I told them that I would try to help them and asked the caretaker to make arrangements for them to go to college. Then we traveled back to our headquarters in Mori. A few days later he called us on the phone and said that both of them are now enrolled in a college. God is good!

These girls need our help. You may sponsor them monthly or send a one time gift to help toward their education.

***"Pure religion and undefiled before God and Father is this: to help the poor and needy and the widows in their affliction...James 1:27"***



## A Child's Journey

Dhayanand was born into a tribal family.



His father was called to preach the Gospel. Because of financial problems, he admitted his son in our children's home in Gopavaram in the jungle area when he was in first grade.

After he finished fifth grade, Dhayanand came to Hope Children's Home in Mori to our headquarters to go to high school. After finishing high school, he attended a college for two years and finished the intermediate course in 2011. Then he

wanted to go home and get a teaching job in a tribal village. (The government makes a special provision for tribal people to get a job if they finish high school). Sure enough, he got a job teaching primary classes.

While teaching, he felt that he should attend a Bible school. He resigned from the job and was admitted into a Bible school. Even though he was still attending Bible school, he wanted to be associated with Hope Ministries and started attending our evangelists' monthly meetings.

When I asked him what caused him to change his mind he said, "I don't know how to explain this. I have a strong desire to preach the Gospel to the many tribal people that have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. I felt this is more important than a teaching job." Praise the Lord!

I believe he has a calling in his life to preach the Gospel. Since Dhayanand is from a tribal village, I know that God will use him to turn many tribal people to Christ. Please pray for this young man.

**He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done. Prov. 19:17**

## Divine Surgery

It was a very hot summer in India. Temperatures rose above 115 degrees, which caused many deaths and destroyed crops in India. As a result, the food prices are unusually high

In the first week of July, I went to visit Hope Children's Home in Machilipatnam. It was an especially hot day. The temperature was over 110 degrees. After three hours of traveling in the hot sun, we arrived there very tired.

It was a joy to spend some time with them listening to their songs and stories until the temperature cooled down. Then I took the children out for pictures. While I was taking photos of the children, a man who was traveling on the road saw me and came into the campus. He said, "Sir it is so good to see you. I have a testimony to share with you." He continued. "A year ago, you came here and conducted a gospel meeting at night. At that time, I was very sick and in terrible pain. My foot was swollen and I wasn't able to walk because a catfish fin was lodged in my foot. I went to the doctors, but they couldn't remove the fin or help me. I suffered with it almost two months.

"When we heard about the gospel



meeting, my family carried me to the meeting for prayer. After the meeting was over, you came over and prayed for me. Then I was carried back home with no change in my situation. While I was sleeping that night, I felt that somebody touched my leg. Then next morning I woke up without any pain. When I looked, I saw there was blood and drainage on my bed sheets. Then I noticed the catfish fin had come out of my foot. I believe

that God did surgery on my foot and healed me completely. No more pain and swelling! Immediately, I dressed and walked to the children's home to tell the pastor what God did for me. As a result, I gave my life to Jesus."

I was blessed when I heard his story and praised God with him. What a miracle-working God we serve! All the glory and honor belong to Him!

## Newly Constructed Church Building

A couple of years ago, two brothers who are pastors felt led to build churches overseas. They both felt that they should each raise \$5,000 by taking a motorcycle ride to



California and back to build churches. Pastor Jeff Deem decided to build a church in India and his brother Dan wanted to build one in Mexico.

As an answer to our prayers for a church building in India, Pastor Jeff was led to build a church in India. Because of the remoteness of the village and scarce materials and

workers, it took us longer to build than we expected. However, I am very happy that we were able to finish the construction. Now this building has been dedicated and is being used for church services and pastors' monthly meetings. They are very happy to have a church building and grateful to God for answering their prayers through Pastor

Jeff. Also, we are all very thankful to Pastor Jeff and his congregation (Calvary Temple of Assembly of God in Canton, Ohio) for their gift to build this church building. What a blessing it is to see how God answers prayers! We pray for God's special blessing on all those who were involved in this project.

## Pray for the Church in India

Hope Ministries continues to reach the people of India with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We praise God for the new believers that are being added to our churches and the spiritual growth that is taking place. Since most of the believers in our churches are Hindu converts, we have a big task of teaching them the basics of the Bible, but God is faithful!

We see many healings and answered prayers which help the believers to see the power of God and put their trust in the true God in spite of their difficult situations at home with non-believing family members. Sometimes it is heart wrenching to hear the stories that the believers share to request prayers.

## An Evangelist's Report From a Tribal Village:

I had the privilege of sitting down with a pastor, Mark, who is working in the state of Orissa. It is one of the difficult states for Christians.



There is a lot of persecution taking place. The pastor said that he belongs to a tribe called Valmeeki. They are known as the smartest of the tribal groups. He was born and raised

in a staunch Hindu family who worships many gods and sacrifices animals.

People who live in these tribal villages are very poor and oppressed by the rebels called Naxalites. This group's motto is to rob the rich and help the poor, but it is often the other way around. Most of the time, they help themselves. In the process, they fight with the state and also with the villagers who don't support them.

This pastor said that the rebels arrange regular gatherings at the center of the village to discuss their plans. They will send messengers to let the villagers know about the get-togethers. They demand that everybody attend and threaten those who refuse

## One Believer's Story

A woman became a Christian from a staunch Hindu family. Her teenage daughter also accepted Jesus. I've known this family for a long time. She said how difficult it is for them at home. Her husband is an alcoholic who spends all the money that he earns on alcohol. He doesn't bring home anything to support the family. He is very abusive and beats her. He also hinders the family from coming to church.

However, they are very faithful and strong believers. She was afraid that her daughter couldn't get married because she is a Christian. She asked the church to pray that God would help them find a husband for her. After the believers prayed, they found a good young man who married her. Now both of them are attending church and growing in the Lord..

## Believer's Funeral Boycotted by Relatives

Recently one of our believers came home from work and told the family that he was having pain in his chest. Before they could take him to the hospital, he lay down and passed away. The family wanted to have a Christian funeral but the rest of the relatives wanted a Hindu funeral instead. Since the family refused a Hindu funeral, everybody deserted the dead body without burial. Then, our pastors and church members had to carry the body to the cemetery and take care of the burial.

Many believers go through these kinds of difficult circumstances because they believe in Jesus Christ. Please remember this family in your prayers.

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## LAMBADI TRIBE CHURCH GROUP

One of HMI's pastors, Krupanidhi, who works in several villages, shared with me about his ministry among tribal people. He



told me, "I felt a burden to preach to a tribal group, the Lambadis. After many years of visiting these villages and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, some of the women accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"I was warned not to come to their village by Hindus. However, I continued to go there to preach and to pray for the sick people in the village. After God healed some people, they began to see the difference between their gods and Jesus. The women who accepted Jesus are now attending the church service."

They dress very colorfully and wear a lot of bangles on their arms, almost from wrist to elbow. Their dress and customs probably haven't changed for centuries. Please remember these believers and their families in your prayers.

**The Evangelists also need bicycles to get to the villages to preach the gospel. You can provide a bicycle for \$100.**