



# Hope Ministries *Update*

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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## EVANGELISTS' MINISTRY REPORTS



Meeting with Evangelists who work in the Tribal Villages.

### Life of a Hope Ministries' Evangelist

Evangelists walk or bike every day following narrow paths to reach remote villages, carrying lanterns and drums to draw the attention of the villagers. They work in three or more villages and some pastor more than one church. Hundreds of Hindus have come to know the Lord and 150 churches have been established. Since foreign missionaries are prohibited from preaching in India, native evangelists carry the word of God to the people.

Many different cultures, ethnic groups, and religions are represented within India's borders. Fourteen major languages are spoken. Even though some claim to have thousands of gods, Indians still feel an intense hunger for truth.

Hope Ministries reaches the lost through indigenous evangelists who know the language, culture, and lifestyle. Many of the 300 Hope Ministries evangelists work in tribal villages filled with staunch Hindus who are devoted to idol worship and witchcraft.

Most of HMI evangelists were once Hindus whose lives were radically changed after somebody cared enough to share the Gospel with them. Now they are

living for God and ready to sacrifice their lives for the Gospel.

### Report from Pastor Varaprasad

"I have been preaching the Gospel to the Hindus in several villages. After many years of labor, with the new believers, I started two churches in two different villages. Praise the Lord! Besides pastoring churches, every day I go to the villages and preach the Gospel. We also conduct village gospel meetings at nights at believers' homes. The villagers also attend these meetings to hear the gospel. One day when I was distributing Bible tracts in a village called Madepalli, a man who was mentally disturbed came and asked us to pray for him. When we all surrounded and prayed for him, God miraculously touched and healed this man. Praise the Lord!"

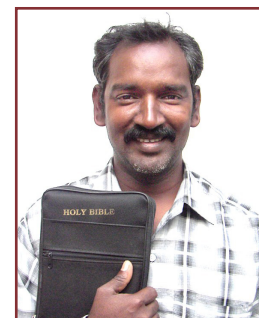


Pastor Varaprasad also told me that when I came and preached in his church

last time, I prayed for a Hindu man named Adinarayana who was suffering with cancer. A few weeks later, he came back to church and shared that a few days after he was prayed for, he was completely healed and free of cancer. Then he gave his life to Jesus and is now attending our church. Praise the Lord!

### Report from Pastor Jaya Raju

"I am preaching the Gospel in two villages. For the last six months our family has been going through some sickness. After spending much time in



prayer, we are now doing much better. Praise the Lord for His healing touch. We are back on schedule of sharing the Gospel in the villages and praying for the sick.

A few months ago we conducted a Gospel meeting in the evening at one of the new believer's home. As we were singing, a group of people (mob) came with sticks and threatened us to stop the meeting and get out of their village. They said in a loud voice, 'If you don't leave, you will be kicked out of our village.' So we had to leave. Praise the Lord that none of us were harmed. We are praying for the safety of the new believer and also for the salvation of the villagers.

Later, we conducted three days of prayer meetings in our church to pray for the salvation of the villagers. God encouraged all of us through His word. On the last day of the meeting, six people came forward to give their lives to Jesus."



# J. Beera School

God continues to bless our school for His glory. 100% of our high school seniors (10<sup>th</sup> grade) students graduated with straight A's. Now they are off to the colleges. We pray for a successful future, and most importantly, that they remember the things they learned about God.

## Digital Teaching System

Since last year, we have been working on taking our teaching methods to the next level in our school. Recently we made some progress in this area to installing digital systems in the



classrooms. A private group takes up this project to set up projectors and computers and even train our teachers to handle the job.

Our students are excited and look forward to learn from this new method of teaching. Our staff told me that our school is going to be the first one in the state to have digital touch screens. The

whole system is now installed and ready to begin classes.

## Students' Reunion

Last year, the class of 1996 came and asked our staff for permission to have a reunion at the school. Our staff gladly received and encouraged them. As part of their reunion party, they arranged a special dinner for all the current students and staff. After serving the dinner, they shared about themselves and encouraged all the students to be good to each other and study hard to have a better future.

They said that most of them are now working as engineers or doctors. What a blessing it was to see how they were blessed and wanted to encourage other students to succeed as well.

## College of Education

In the month of September 100 students from the class of 2012 graduated and received their teaching certification from J. Beera College of Education. As you know, it is a teachers' training college for the students who already hold Bachelors and Masters Degrees. Without this certification, it is very difficult to get a teaching job. So far 600 students received their training since we started our college. Some of them are already teaching in different schools. Please keep them in your prayers.

### FOOD FESTIVAL



In the month of July the students arranged a food festival where some of them cooked delicious Indian food to serve to the rest. They also organized cultural activities that were very well performed and received high encouragement from the audience. It was awesome to see Christians, Hindus, and Muslims come together in unity to

make it a success.

As part of the closing, I had the privilege of addressing the students and sharing the Gospel. After closing, some students came forward and asked me to pray for them and their families. We trust that God's word will stay with them and convict them to make a decision to give their lives to Jesus!

### THE NEW CLASS OF 2013

The new students for the class of 2013



are now being enrolled. Please continue to remember us to be a light to show the students and staff the true love of Jesus. Year after year it is exciting to hear from the graduated students how they were blessed and enjoyed their school year.

### NEEDS

Library building addition: \$10,000  
Christmas gifts: \$10-\$15 each child  
Bunk beds (35): \$200 each  
Bicycles for evangelists: \$100  
Drums and lanterns: \$25 each  
Sponsors for evangelists: \$30 per mo.  
Sponsors for children: \$20 per mo.  
Van for India: \$18,000

Praise the Lord!

### D.Ed. COLLEGE

As you know, we have been working with the state educational department in India to get permission to start a D.Ed. College in addition to what we already have. It has been a slow process with a lot of red tape as always. But praise the Lord that we made some real progress. All the paperwork is done and approved except one department to give us their approval. We hope it is going to happen soon.

The students with two years of intermediate course could join this college to get their teaching certification. It is a two year course with 50 students per year. Once they finish this course, they would be eligible to teach in primary schools.

Adding this college will extend our opportunities to help more students to achieve their dreams and at the same time hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

### Need for a Library Building

There is a need for a building for the library for our high school and college. We want to add a second floor on an existing office building which will cost \$10,000. Please pray about helping us with this project. It would be a great blessing to thousands of students to come.



*Evangelist Ravi Dodla*

## Obeying the Call



When I was visiting Hope children's home in Vizag, I met one of our former students who attends our pastors' monthly meeting at our children's home. His name is Ravi Dodla and he lived in this children's home. He said, "Because of extreme poverty, I was admitted to the children's home in 1994 when I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. During my stay, I heard the Gospel and gave my life to Jesus. I was actively involved in the Sunday school and church services and I participated in village gospel meetings.

After I graduated from high school, even though I knew that God had a calling in my life to preach the Gospel, in order to help my family I started working at a printing press. While I was working there in 2001, I started to lose my eyesight and I began to cry out to God to restore my sight. In January of 2002, God touched me and gave me my vision back. Then I recommitted my life to Jesus and was baptized in the water. Then according to the call of God, I quit my job and went to a Bible school in 2008 and studied the

word of God for 2 years. Now I am out of the college and preaching the Gospel to the Hindus."

Ravi expressed his desire to join and work with Hope Ministries as an evangelist. He is very grateful to the sponsors for the help that he has received. He is one of many children whose lives have been changed forever. I want to thank you all for making this possible through your prayers and financial support. May God richly bless and reward you for your faithfulness!

Some of the children in our children's homes are in need of sponsors. Also, evangelists like Ravi are in need of sponsors as well.

**You may sponsor an evangelist for \$30 a month. Please pray about this need.**

## God Blesses a Former Employee of Hope Ministries

During my last visit to India, I had an opportunity to meet and talk with our former employee named Raju. His family was very poor, but they are good Christians and members of our church at High Mill Children's Home in Sitarampuram, India. His dad attended church with the family, but he was not a believer for a long time. He had a problem with his knees. They were swollen and painful to walk. One Sunday, he came forward for prayer after the service. After he was prayed for, God miraculously healed him. As a result, he gave his life to Jesus and was baptized. This was about 20 years ago and he is now with the Lord.

Raju and his siblings had a hard time meeting their needs and even continuing their education. He shared his story and asked for a job. I hired him as a caretaker at High Mill Children's Home. While he was working there, he gave his life to Jesus and radically changed

for Christ. He studied law and then ran for the president of his own village. He asked for our prayer and financial help. I was able to help a little, but he lost the election. Then he decided to leave his village to look for better opportunities



elsewhere. He moved to a city where he started his practice and now he is a successful lawyer!

When I was in his city a few months ago, Raju invited us to his house for dinner. They served my brother and me a delicious dinner and we had a wonderful visit. He asked if we had some time to attend a prayer meeting at his neighbor's house before we caught our train. The neighbor happened to be the granddaughter of one of our current employees. Her husband is an IT employee. They were once Hindus and came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord! They arranged this gospel meeting on a rooftop. They invited their friends and neighbors. They were so happy that we were able to attend the meeting. It was a blessing to be there to share the word of God and pray with the people before we caught our train back home that night.

I was blessed to see Raju's family, his mother, and two brothers' families who also moved to the city. God blessed them with good jobs and beautiful homes. Before we left he said, "Because of your prayers and help, God has richly blessed us. Thank you for being there for us!" What a blessing!



## Jesse's 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



It was the first time one of us had the opportunity to be there to celebrate our son, Jesse's birthday (November 1st). Jesse said many times, "You are always here for Stacy's birthday (March), but not mine." We always wanted to be there, but our schedule didn't work out.

However, Jaya had to leave for India in September, because her mother passed. So I asked Jaya to stay for Jesse's birthday before retuning to the U.S. Jesse told me "I am so happy because Mom is here for my birthday! Because I was so excited, I couldn't sleep the night before. I had a very happy birthday!!"

He is in the 7th grade and Stacy is in 6th. Please keep them in your prayers for God's protection and blessings.

## Jaya's mom went to be with the Lord

After two years of fighting with a rare disease, Jaya's mom passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. She was in her late 70s. We covet your prayers for this family as they are going through the grief of losing their loved one. As Christians, it is comforting to know that she is a Christian and went to be with the Lord.



When Jaya was 15 years old, her dad died of a heart attack in an Arab country where he was working to support the family. Jaya is the 3<sup>rd</sup> child among the seven.

I am very encouraged to hear the success stories from the young people who graduated from our children's homes. It is always a joy to see the children succeed, even greater joy when we hear that they give their lives to Jesus and are dedicated to serve Him.

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

Most of the children that come to our children's homes come from Hindu families who worship idols. Once these children's lives are changed by the love of God, their families also come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

When we show the love of God to these children by feeding, educating, and housing we are giving them hope from despair and hunger.

*"I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger; you took me in. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: ...Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."* Matthew 25: 35, 36 and 40.

## NEED SPONSORS FOR CHILDREN

Some of the children in our homes are in need of sponosrs. Please pray about giving hope to a child by sponsoring. You may sponsor one for \$20 a month. God bless you!

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Please remember our children this Christmas season to send a gift of \$10 or more to buy a set of clothes and other necessary personal items.

Please continue to remember us and Hope Ministries in your prayers. God

bless you for your support and prayers which are making a big difference!

## VAN FOR INDIA

We are still in need of a van for transportation in India. Our old van has stopped working and is beyond repair. It was a heavy-duty 1999 and served us well in spite of the road conditions in India, always carrying loads of people to the meetings with us. If you can help us towards this need it would be greatly appreciated.

**All of us at Hope Ministries wish you A Blessed Christmas and A Joy-filled NewYear!**



In Christ's Love,  
Jacob Beera

# HOPE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

## ...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.



## Children in Children's Home

- ☐ I want to sponsor \_\_\_ child(ren)
- ☐ \$20.00 per month ☐ \$240 for a year
- Evangelist(s)** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \$30.00 per month ☐ \$360.00 for a year
- ☐ \$25.00 for a lantern ☐ \$25.00 for a drum
- ☐ \$100.00 for a bicycle
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ bunk beds
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ van for India
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas gift/ Where needed
- ☐ Please send more information

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