



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name!

Jaya and I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support for the ministry. I spent five months in India and returned on the 18th of June 2013. Jaya stayed back to spend more time with our children. They are growing up fast. I traveled constantly to speak in various Gospel meetings, church services, and to solemnize weddings. God was there and saved many lives. The sick were healed by the power of God.

DIVINE APPOINTMENT

It has been a long time since we traveled through Mumbai airport and wondered why we were going this time! When we were in line to check our luggage in Mumbai, I noticed a young couple from the U.S. arguing with each other about their luggage. They told us that the airline was asking them to pay extra money because they had too many bags. I helped them to consolidate their bags and helped them to go through without paying.

While we were waiting to get on the plane, a young man came and sat beside us. While Jaya and I were talking in our

language, he asked what language we were speaking. Then we began to talk and he said that he was coming from Dubai where he worked in a five-star hotel as a chef. One thing led to another and we began to talk about the Lord. He said that the senior chef that he worked with was a Christian who had been telling him about Jesus. Even though he was a Hindu, he was educated in a Catholic school. I shared the Gospel with him and asked if it was ok to pray for him. He thanked me for sharing the Gospel and praying for him. After this conversation, I thought this is the reason that God brought us this route!

GOSPEL MEETINGS

As soon as we arrived in India, I had to get busy with preparations for the crusade. The crusade ran from January 22-25. Several thousand people attended. Quite a few people traveled several hundred miles from tribal villages. They stayed all four

days and slept on the ground on hay, but they said it was a great joy to be a part of these meetings and they had been looking forward to this time. We provided free lunches and dinners all four days for the people who needed food.

Many people stood up to give their lives to Jesus and we prayed for many sick people. Later on, people came and told us how blessed they were to worship and hear the messages that they missed the last few years. To God be the Glory!



BORE-WELL IN A TRIBAL VILLAGE

God spoke to a church in Hubbard, Ohio, to sponsor a well for people that don't have drinking water. Not knowing how to accomplish their vision, they held the money for a year or more. Last fall when I attended a pastors' meeting in Girard, Ohio, one of the pastors asked me if we ever drill wells in India. He said if we want to drill a well they had some money they collected in their church. I told him that we haven't drilled any for a while, but I would ask our evangelists if there is a great need for one and we'd go from there.



While I was in India, I attended a monthly meeting with Hope Ministries' evangelists who work in tribal villages. After the meeting was over, I announced to them that there is an opportunity to drill a well and if any of them knew of any villages that were desperately in need of a bore-well, please let me know. Quite a few evangelists submitted applications, but one of them was very persistent and kept contacting me about drilling a well in a village that was desperately in need of one.



After praying for the situation, I felt this is where we should drill. Then I told the evangelist, Darshan, to go ahead and make plans to drill. Everything came together to begin the work. Darshan traveled about 200 miles to a village where one of HMI

evangelists is also working. They both joined hands and made all the arrangements to start the work. When they announced it to the villagers, some of them said, "Don't waste your money." The government of India has already tried around 20 different areas in our village, but they couldn't find a drop of water."



It was very discouraging, but our evangelists told them that they are going to pray and ask God to help them. In spite of all the discouragements, they prayed and selected a place to drill the well close to Hope Church.

Several hours into drilling, people began to get discouraged because there was no trace of water and it seemed hopeless. So the evangelists and believers of Hope Church in that village gathered around the drilling site and began to pray in the extreme heat. After some time as they were praying, all of a sudden they were drenched with mud and water. They opened their eyes with great joy and began to dance and praise God for answering their prayers. Praise the Lord!

Then the evangelist called and said that the well is dug and they wanted me to come and dedicate the well for the glory of God. I took some of our staff and traveled about 300 miles to dedicate the well. We left our headquarters at 7 a.m. and arrived there at 2 p.m. It was one of the hottest days in the month of May. The temperature was close to 120° F and was very humid. When we arrived, they were still working on the finishing touches.

As soon as I arrived and tried to find some shade, a woman came to me and said, "Thank you for being obedient to God to come to our village to dig a well for us. We have been walking three kilometers (two miles) to the neighboring village to

carry a pot of water on our heads and we do this several times a day. Some villagers even restricted us from getting water from their wells saying, 'Not enough water for all of us.' We have been praying for God to help us find water in our village. God heard our prayers and we are very happy and praising God for this living water."

Since it was very hot, I suggested to them that they spend some time inside the church for fellowship. We worshipped for a few minutes, and then I shared the word of God. I also shared with these tribal people how this all came about to drill this well and how God provided funds through a church in the U.S.



It is amazing how God answers prayers. These tribal believers prayed for a long time for water. God heard their prayers and spoke to a church in Ohio about the need and made a way through HMI to meet their need. What a God we serve!

We want to thank Chestnut Ridge Church of God who donated the funds on behalf of the tribal villagers. We know that God will bless them for their faithfulness.

DEMON CAST OUT

At the closing of the meeting, before we went out to dedicate the well, several people came forward for prayer. A woman brought her husband and asked us to pray



for him. She said that he is unpredictable, angry, and screams. For no reason, all of a sudden he gets mad and beats up the whole family.

When I put my hand on his forehead to pray, he fell to the floor, motionless. His wife and others started to cry in fear. I told them that he will be OK and knelt down beside him and prayed for him. Within a few minutes, he came to consciousness and became normal. God touched and set him free. Praise the Lord!

NEW CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN A TRIBAL VILLAGE

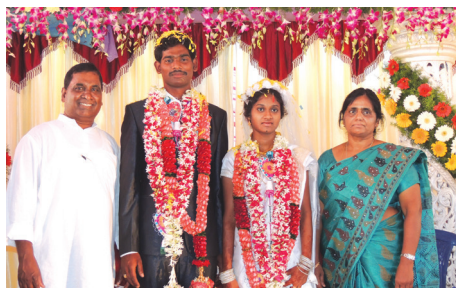


Pastor Jeevaratnam came to this tribal village to preach the Gospel. After working there for a long time, about 30 idol worshippers have now become Christians. They built a small thatched-roof church which is about 12'X12'. You can see this on the left center picture.



Because it is very small and crowded, by faith they started building a bigger church building. They were able to build the walls with the believers help. The pastor said "we ran out of funds and we need \$3000 to finish this building. Please pray about this need and help us finish."

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Jacob and Jaya with newly wed after solemnizing their wedding.

MINISTRY TO DEAF & MUTE CHILDREN

A pastor has been contacting me for several years for help for the deaf and

don't. Some of them are abandoned by their families. They are like forgotten children. Parents feel they are a burden.



He ran his home for several years with his life savings. Now he has run out of money and raises funds locally. He said it is very difficult and he never knows where the support will come from month to month. So He asked me to help him financially to continue his work.

mute children that he has been caring for. Again, this year he came and invited me to visit the children's home.

This pastor said that he had bachelor's degree and worked for a deaf and mute school run by the state. While I was working there, this is the story that touched my life. A little girl was brought and admitted by her dad. When holidays come, parents of the children come and visit them, but this girl's dad never came. One day I ran into him in a shopping area. I asked him, sir, why do I never see you come and visit your daughter? He said, 'the day I brought her to the home; she is not my child any more. I have nothing to do with her. If she dies throw her in a river or in the bushes and he walked away.

I really struggled with his words for days. After praying about this, I felt that I should resign my job and help children like her. So, after much struggle, I resigned my job and started this home and school for deaf and mute children. Now there are 30 children that live in our home. Some have parents and some

I visited this home in the month of April. I felt very sad when I saw these children. After praying, I told the pastor that I would try to help him as much as possible as God provides. Here is an opportunity to make a difference in these children's lives. You can support them with your monthly gifts if you feel led.



I know that God will bless you for your kindness toward these forgotten children.

Psalm 82: 3-4. *Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy...*

PRAYER & FINANCIAL NEEDS

Bicycles	\$100. (each)
Bunk Beds	\$200. (each)
Bore-well	\$1,500 - 2,000.
Church building	\$3000.
School van	\$25,000.

Orissa Project:

Cost of land	\$10,000.
Build a Building	\$40,000.

Please pray for these needs.

DAVID'S WEDDING

David, the groom was raised in our children's home. Good Christian! He started a business and also helps with his dad (pastor) in the ministry. His brother who was also raised in our home, now started a church in a city called Vizag.

J. BEERA ENGLISH MEDIUM HIGH SCHOOL

Since we started our school in 1994, our aim has been to provide an opportunity to the students who otherwise are not able to attend an English medium school. God continue to help us give quality education to the Indian children from Kindergarten through 10th grade. At present over 400 students attend from the neighboring villages. The class of 2012 & 2013 10th grade students who wrote public examinations passed with top marks which is a great thing for them to enter college.



We are happy to hear some former students are already working as doctors, engineers and teachers. We would be happier to know that they came to know Jesus as their Savior through the gospel they heard in the school.

Since we are charging a minimum fee, we are not able to cover all the expenses that are involved in running a school. We need \$2000 a month more on top of what we are collecting from the students to run the school. Please pray about this need. You may support the school with your monthly donations.

Recently the state educational department made a rule not to use any vehicles over 15 years old to transport children. So, we are now being forced to replace two of our vehicles with newer models. Each vehicle would cost \$25,000. Please pray and help us meet this urgent need.

OPEN DOOR TO START CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN ORISSA

As many of you know, Orissa is one of the most difficult states for Christians. They are persecuted and oppressed in many ways. There is no freedom to attend a Christian church or share the Gospel with others without looking over their shoulders.

I have been praying for an open door to help the children and to preach the Gospel in Orissa. As an answer to our prayers, some evangelists from Orissa joined with Hope Ministries for support and fellowship. In spite of many difficulties, they have been faithfully going forward to preach the Gospel. Many tribal people are accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Recently, one of our evangelists told me that there is an opportunity to educate children of Orissa in their own state

by starting a children's home there. He said that if we would buy some land and build a building that is big enough for 100 children, another organization would help support the children. This home would still be under the control of our leadership. Along with food, lodging, and education we would be able to teach these children about Jesus Christ.

Since it is very difficult to reach the tribal people in Orissa with the Gospel, I believe it is an opportunity to help the children physically and spiritually as well.

Approximate cost:

Cost of land	\$10,000.00
Build a building	\$40,000.00
Drill a water-well	\$1500.00
Total Project	\$51,500.00



We earnestly seek your prayers and support for this well-deserving project to spread the Gospel and love of Christ to this unreached region of India

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support. May God richly bless you!
Yours for India,

Jacob, Jaya, Jesse and Stacy 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 ☐ \$240.00 for a year

Evangelist(s) _____

- ☐ \$30.00 per month ☐ \$360.00 for a year
☐ \$25.00 for a lantern ☐ \$25.00 for a Drum
☐ \$100.00 for a bicycle
☐ \$_____ Orissa children's ministry
☐ \$_____ Church building in tribal area
☐ \$_____ Water well ☐ Where needed
☐ Please send more information

Name _____

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