



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We thank God for you and for your faithful support and prayers that are enabling us to bring hope to the multitudes of Indian people. Every day, all of us, the children in our children's homes, our staff, and evangelists remember you and your family in our prayers. We are blessed to work together with you as co-laborers in God's vineyard.

Jesus told them, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,*

to send out workers into His harvest field." Luke 10:2

We are excited about our upcoming trip to India and prayerfully looking forward to see what God is going to do.

We are planning to leave for India in the middle of January. Two pastors from Hartville, Ohio, one from California, and a woman from Salem, Ohio, will be coming to visit Hope Ministries and to share the Gospel.

Our first crusade will be held January 20th through 23rd at our headquarters in Mori, India. The crusades begin around 10 a.m. and run for several hours. After a break, we start again

about 7 p.m.. The meetings can last until midnight or later.

Pastors' Conference

Immediately after the crusade on the 24th we are planning a Pastors' Conference. Several hundred HMI evangelists from a 400-mile area and local pastors from surrounding villages will be attending this conference. We will also be conducting Gospel meetings in various locations during our stay in India. Please pray that God will provide the needed funds and many Hindus will come to know Jesus. Also, pray for us as we travel and minister in India.

Praise Reports!

School Van Provided

In our last newsletter I wrote about the need to replace an old school van. We were required to replace it by a new state education department rule that no one may use vehicles more than 15 years old to transport children.



We praise the Lord for speaking to friends like you to provide the funds. Now we have a brand new van to transport the kids to our school! We still need to buy another van to replace one that doesn't meet the state regulations. We request your prayers and financial support.

Broken Well Repaired in a Tribal Village

Soon after we finished drilling a well in a tribal village, another HMI pastor requested our help to repair a broken well. He said, "There is a well in our village, but it was broken and the water was muddy and undrinkable. Villagers were walking to the nearby canals to get water. Because the canal water is polluted, people were getting sick with malaria and typhoid fever. We asked the state that fixes broken wells to fix our well, but they never came to fix it because this well is in a Christian village."

The pastor and the villagers requested our help to fix the well. God answered their prayers and provided the needed funds through an American businessman. The

well was fixed by replacing the broken pipes with new pipes and a casing. The villagers now have clean water and are very grateful to God and expressed their thanks to the sponsor. The surrounding villages are also coming to get water from this well. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!



Stalled Church Construction Restarted

God answered the prayers of believers who needed funds to complete their church building in a tribal village. This church is in the same village where we drilled a well a few months ago. The believers recognized the need for a bigger church and collected some funds, but the money ran out after the walls were built. The pastor and the congregation asked for our prayers and financial support to help finish the church building.

I mentioned this need in our last newsletter and asked for help. God spoke to a church in Ohio and provided some funds to begin the construction. We Praise the Lord and are grateful to the church that responded to the need. Please pray for the rest of the funds to be provided so that the Indian believers will be able to finish the construction.

Children's Home Building Needs Replaced

The children's home building in Sitarampuram that houses 65 children is crumbling and causing concern about the safety of children who live in it. This building was one of the first ones we built about thirty years ago, and the methods of construction back then were



very different than they are now.

The homemade bricks that we used then are wearing out from

the wear and tear of three decades of use. The condition of the building is so bad that it is not repairable. We need to tear it down and build again.

We ask that you would please pray for God's provision for the funds for the new building. We need at least \$50,000 to complete it. As soon as the money starts to come in we can start. It is anticipated that it will take us six to twelve months to finish the building, depending on how quickly the funds come in. We will need to accommodate the children in other

buildings while construction is going on. The need is great and your support is vital.

Flood Relief

In the month of July, 2013, unusually heavy rains caused devastating floods in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Some of the villages where Hope churches are located were under water. For more than a week nobody could go out or do anything. The floods caused extensive damage to the



crops and thatched roof huts.

The Hope Ministries staff prepared food packages, loaded them onto trucks, and took them to the flood-ravaged villages. They had to walk in the flood waters from house to house to distribute food and water. The villagers were very grateful for our help. I know this act of kindness

will open doors for our evangelists who work in those villages to share the Gospel and may change some hearts of those who work against the church.

Due to extensive damage to the crops, food prices have now skyrocketed. To make things even worse, we



could not even plant the next crop because of heavy rains. Many people are hurting for food and basic needs. Please remember them in your prayers.

Update on Children's Homes

Currently we have about 400 children who live in our six children's homes in India. Through the financial help of our sponsors the children are being cared for and educated. This year some of them graduated from high school and moved on to colleges and some moved back home with their families, but their spaces are always filled by the new children who come to us for help.



Many children's lives have been changed forever. Last year, a young lady came with her daughter to attend our Gospel meetings. After the meeting, she introduced herself to us and said that she was raised in Hope Children's Home where she gave her life to

Jesus. Now she is married and has a daughter. We are blessed to hear such stories of transformed lives. Praise the Lord!

School Closings

Shortly after our schools reopened in June for the new school year, our government went on strike because of a political situation involving the creation of a new and separate state. All the schools, public and private, have been closed off and on for several months. All public transportation has been shut down, so the children haven't been able to go to school or visit their families. Daytime travel is dangerous during the strike and people travel at night only when necessary. Strikers have even burned the cars of people who have tried to travel. Please pray for a peaceful resolution of this situation.

Evangelists Reports

God is using HMI Evangelists who are preaching the Gospel in 400 mile area. Most of them are working in tribal villages where most of the villagers are illiterate and idol worshippers. Many of them have never heard the Gospel. Some of the stories we hear from our evangelists are scary and some are encouraging. We praise the Lord for protecting them and performing miracles through them. As a result, hundreds of Hindus have been coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord!

A Report from Evangelist Ravi Gudala:



One of the believers in our church was bitten by a cobra while he was taking care of the cattle in the field. Immediately, he ran home and told his family what had happened. His family and friends carried him to the church for prayer. All of the elders quickly gathered around him and started praying. God miraculously spared his life from the snake bite.

His wife and four daughters were concerned for his life because many people die of snake bites in India. God did a miracle and showed his power. Today, it is a testimony for the Hindus in their community.

Christmas Gifts

The children in Hope children's homes are already talking about the Christmas celebration and the gifts of clothing that they are going to receive. They are very grateful to the sponsors for their generous support and prayers. Every day they remember all the sponsors in their prayers.

This Christmas we are asking sponsors, if possible, to send \$15 or \$20 to buy a gift for each of their children. Even if you are not currently sponsoring a child, you may contribute to the Christmas fund so that a child who does not yet have a sponsor will be blessed. Your gift will provide a set of new clothes and other needed things.

Prayer and Support Opportunities

Summarized below are opportunities for you to partner with the ministry. The first section lists prayer and support opportunities that are mentioned in this newsletter. The second section lists ongoing opportunities including core monthly child and evangelist support. Total financial need amounts are provided for your information but any amount of support will help and be appreciated. All items reflect where the ministry also seeks your prayer support. Thank you for continuing to partner with Hope Ministries to reach the unreached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

Prayer and Support Opportunities in this Newsletter

Airfare for Jacob and Jaya for India Ministry Trip	\$3,500
Crusade & Conference in India	\$5,000
School Van	\$25,000
Finish Church Construction	\$2,000
Children's Home Replacement	\$50,000
Deaf and Mute Children Fund	\$ _____
Vijayakar Medical Bills	\$ _____
Christmas Gifts for Children	\$15 - \$20
Where needed	\$ _____

Ongoing Prayer and Support Opportunities

Sponsor a Child	\$20 per month
Sponsor an Evangelist	\$30 per month
Evangelist Bicycle / Lantern / Drum	\$100 / \$25 / \$25

Vijayakar's Car Accident

One year ago, Vijayakar was in a serious car accident. He is the husband of Usha, Jaya's niece. The car was totaled and his three small nieces who were in the car with him were seriously injured. The accident left him with broken bones, a severe head injury, and damage to his internal organs. He was in a coma for several months. The girls were hospitalized for a while, but they have completely recovered.

At first, the doctors gave Vijayakar only a one-percent chance of surviving. The family was devastated and lost hope. After praying, I told them that he was going to survive and walk. Immediately, I sent out emails and requested prayers. Thank you so much for praying for him. God heard the prayers and did a miracle.

Jaya, Jesse, Stacy, and I traveled 500 miles to visit him in April of this year. He was so happy when he heard that we were coming



Usha & Vijayakar (in the chair)

that he wanted to sit up. This was the first time in six months that he had sat up. When we walked into the house and were walking toward his room, he called from his upstairs bedroom, "Hi Uncle. How are you? I am so glad that you are here to visit me!" We visited with him for a few

minutes and then I asked all of the family members to gather around him so we could pray for him. He amazed all of us by sitting in a chair for several hours to talk to us, and his speech got better as we talked. Praise the Lord! I wanted to thank you for your prayers and let you know how God is working in his life.

Since his accident, he has lost his clothing business and he is struggling to pay the hospital bills. They don't have any health insurance, so the hospital bills are mounting. He is receiving physical therapy, but is not able to walk yet because of a broken leg that wasn't fixed properly. Please continue to pray for his recovery. He and his family are in desperate financial need. Please pray about helping them with their need. Any help would greatly be appreciated.

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

We pray that you experience the presence of God and His great peace this Christmas season and the coming New Year! *Merry Christmas!*



**Thank you and God Bless You!
Jacob, Jaya, Jesse & Stacy Beera**

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