

Dear Friends,

By the grace of God, your prayers, and financial support, Hope Ministries continues to reach out to the people of India with the Gospel. We praise the Lord for the still-open doors and the opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ. New believers are being added to our churches. God is showing His almighty power through undeniable physical healings.

Since we returned to the U.S. in July, we have been busy with office work, contacting churches, and traveling to speak. Our time in the U.S. is passing quickly and it is already time to make plans to return to India to make arrangements for upcoming events. Jesse and Stacy are in good health and busy with their studies. Jesse will be 14 years old on November 1st and Stacy will be 12 on April 6th. They wanted us to be there for Christmas since it had been a long time since we celebrated Christmas with them. However, we couldn't get reasonable plane tickets, so we will be leaving on the 5th of January.

Please read the stories in this newsletter about what God is doing through Hope Ministries and the upcoming events. Thank you for your partnership with HMI to build God's Kingdom in India.

Danielle Schmidt's Missionary Trip

Danielle Schmidt was able to go to India on the prior visit earlier this year and composed this report.

My heart was overwhelmed with excitement and anticipation as I arrived in the country I had longed to visit for 30 years. The brilliant colors, the smells, the warmth of the bright sun in the blue sky and the beauty of the landscape were



inviting and filled me with wonder. We visited six children's homes and were welcomed by the children and caretakers with beautiful flower leis as the elders offered prayers of thanksgiving for our safe arrival. The children watched my every move as I greeted them from family and friends in the United States. My favorite part was when I pulled out my little backpacker guitar and began to sing. After a song I would reach out my hand to the kids and they would step backwards. I invited one brave boy to shake my hand and the other kids would push someone...

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MEDICAL MISSION

In January 2015 a volunteer medical team from High Mill Church of the Resurrection and Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio, will be visiting our headquarters in Mori, India to conduct a free three day wellness clinic for women who will travel from various villages. We are hoping to serve over 1,000 women during those three days. The mission team consists of two doctors, seven nurses, two pastors, and five helpers.

In 2007 a team with some of the same members conducted a clinic for us. In three days they treated over 700 women and shared the Gospel. Regrettably, we had to turn away some women because of a lack of time. We heard many good reports from the women who were treated. Some women reported exciting news of having children after they were treated. Most importantly, they had a chance to hear about Jesus at the clinic. *Continued on page 2...*

GOSPEL MEETINGS & INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Please pray for our upcoming Gospel meetings at our headquarters in Mori the third week of January. Several pastors from California are planning to come to speak in our meetings and also conduct Inductive Bible Study classes. We are expecting 400 pastors, including Hope Evangelists. In order to make arrangements, Jaya and I will be leaving on the 5th of January to return to India.

Hope Ministries churches in India have already started fasting and praying for these meetings. We are expecting God to move in a powerful way to draw many people and touch them spiritually and physically. Please join with us in prayer for finances and safety for the speakers and all those who attend. We need \$5000. Please Pray about this need.

CYCLONE HUDHUD HIT EAST-COAST OF INDIA

A severe cyclone with 130 mph winds made landfall in the port city of Visakhapatnam on Sunday, October 12th, at noon. Officials said that



this is the biggest disaster to have ever hit Visakhapatnam. Glass from the blown windows covered the streets everywhere in the city.

One of the Hope Ministries' children's homes is located in the city about two miles from the coast where the cyclone made landfall. Power and communications to Vizag were cut off. Since there was no way to find out the status of the children's home by phone, my brother Joseph traveled to Vizag (Visakhapatnam) from our headquarters in a car loaded with food supplies and water for the children and HMI Evangelists that work in the nearby villages. Joseph said, "Fallen trees and debris all over the roads and it took us a long time to get there. We were happy to see that all of the children and staff were safe, but there was a lot of damage to the property. The children and staff were very happy to see us. We praise the Lord for watching over them."

Most of the coconut, mango and banana trees were destroyed. They were either uprooted or broke into pieces. One section of the children's



home building had a corrugated roof blown away completely. The doors and windows were damaged as well. But the newer part of the building which is a concrete slab roof was intact. There was great destruction every where in the city. Most of the greenery is gone. I have never seen this much destruction."

I asked our staff to get an estimation to repair the damaged building. This time we would like to replace the corrugated roof with a concrete slab roof. God has already provided \$10,000 that is needed to replace the roof, but we still need some help for our evangelists whose houses were damaged by cyclone. Please pray and help us to meet these needs. God bless you! Thank you all for praying for our children and the people in the path of cyclone.

Medical mission contd....

Who knows how many of their lives were changed by hearing about Jesus. We are very grateful for the team for helping Indian women.

Please pray for safe travels and good health for the team. And please pray that the Holy Spirit will fill them with wisdom, compassion, and the love of God so that the women who come to the clinic will not only receive a physical healing, but a spiritual blessing as well.

Mopeds Needed

The mopeds (motor bikes) that we have at our children's homes were well used for many years. Now they are falling apart. Our staff says, it is not worth fixing



them. So, we need to replace them. They are the main transportation for our staff to go to the market place to buy groceries or to take children to the hospital when they are sick.

These mopeds are built to carry heavy loads and people use them almost like pick-up trucks. Each one costs \$600. Please pray about this need and help us as God blesses you!

PRAISE REPORTS

Funds Provided for Bunk-beds: For the past few years we have been raising funds to make bunk beds for the children who live in our six children's homes. It is amazing to see how God is answering prayers through friends like you. Recently, God spoke to a family to provide funds to make 30 bunk beds for 60 children for our fifth home in a city called Machilipatnam where we recently built a new children's home building. The beds are now being built at the welding shop.

One more home in the jungle area still needs bunk beds. To complete this project, 35 more beds are needed. The children are anxiously looking forward to sleeping on beds, a great luxury that they have never had. Please pray with us about this need. Thank you all who had helped with this project.

Funds provided to Rplace the Roof: As soon as I heard about the cyclone in Visakhapatnam, India, I sent out emails requesting prayers for the safety of our children and the people in the path of cyclone; and also requested prayers for the funds to replace the damaged roof of the children's home building.

Thank you all for praying. God answered the prayers and provided \$10,000 that are needed to replace the damaged corrugated roof with a concrete slab roof. We will be working on this project as soon as the materials are available to buy. We pray that God will richly bless the family who contributed and all of you. To God be the glory!

Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Summarized below are opportunities for you to partner with the ministry. Thank you for continuing to partner with Hope Ministries to reach the unreached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

Children's Home Building at Mori	\$40,000.
Crusade & Conference in India	\$5,000
Bore-Wells	\$2,000 each
Mopeds for children's homes (7)	\$600 each
Bunk Beds (need 35)	\$200 each
Bicycles	\$100 each
Christmas Gifts for Children	\$15 - \$20
Deaf and Mute Children Fund	\$ _____
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

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Children's Home Building Needs Replaced In Mori, India

The first building that we built in 1979 at Mori to start our first children's home is showing its age. The method of construction used during that time is not as durable as it is now. The homemade bricks and tiles that were used back then keep breaking, which is causing rain to leak in. Throughout the years, it has been a home for hundreds of children where many lives have been touched by the love of God.

During these last 35 years, the neighbor's coconut trees have grown over our building. They drop coconuts on our tile roof, causing the tiles to break, so the rain leaks through the roof, causing inconvenience to the girls who live there. The neighbors are not willing to cut them down because they need the coconut trees to bring them income. We've been advised to replace the building, and this time put on a concrete slab roof. We need \$40,000 to construct a basic dormitory for the girls, with bathrooms and a room for them to study in. Please lift this need up in your prayers and help us to construct this much-needed building.

Baptismal Service!

One of Hope Ministries' evangelists is baptizing new believers in India. It is a joyful celebration.



2 Cor.5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* Please pray for these new believers.

Danielle's Missionary trip...

forward. Seconds later all the kids were shaking my hands and touching my skin. A precious bond was formed as they showed me around their home. It tickled me when someone would very gently touch my blonde hair and when I turned around they all backed up. I smiled and offered them my hair. I was taken with them and felt overwhelmed with love as my heart connected immediately. I was humbled by the hospitality and food and love that was poured out on me.

Our church services began with praise and worship that lasted for every bit of an hour and a half to two hours.

I could not understand the words but the meaning was clear as the Spirit of the Lord was heralded among us. Jacob and Joseph shared the word and would say the scripture reference in Telugu and English as I tried to follow along.

I went to several beautiful weddings and learned much about their cultural ways of arranged marriages. I even got to go to an arrangement meeting with the families of the bride and groom weeks before their special day. I was always honored and treated so special. It was a humbling experience everywhere I went.

We also went to meetings in peoples homes. What a beautiful experience.

First they served us a delicious dinner and then the meeting was filled with worship and teaching. There was such a sweet Spirit among us as we were touched with healing and revival.

From the very beginning of my trip when I stood before over a thousand people and sang and shared a testimony at the 35th crusade, to the end when I wept to leave the precious kids I came to really know and love at the Mori home where I had spent my two months. I will pray daily and treasure the memories as my heart longs to return to them.

Love in Jesus,
Danielle Schmidt

Christmas Gifts for Hope Ministries' Children

It is that time already to think about Christmas and gifts for our children in our seven homes. Like most of the children in the world, our children anxiously wait for the Christmas season and to play a role in the Christmas play. In preparation, they learn Christmas songs and Bible verses to recite.

On Christmas morning you will hear Christmas songs played on PA systems from churches all around you. Everybody dressed up in their best clothes if they had one to attend Christmas service. The service lasts for 2 or 3 hours, but nobody mind. Almost everybody bring something like bananas or sweet and hot mix to the church. At the end of the service, these items are distributed to the congregation.

On Christmas night, children put up Christmas play. It is exciting to see that many people from the surrounding villages come to watch the play. Even people that usually don't like to attend church service would

join the crowd. They hear and see the Story!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!



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

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Summarized some of the 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. Any amount of support will help and be appreciated. Thank you for continuing to partner with Hope Ministries to reach the unreached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

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