



# Hope Ministries

## Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your partnership with Hope Ministries to build God's kingdom in India. We appreciate your prayers and financial support as we continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the children and adults He has entrusted to us.

This has been a busy and fruitful year so far. Besides the women's wellness clinic, our yearly crusade, building projects, weddings, visits to our children's homes, and borewell projects, we were able to secure passports and visas for our children, Jesse and Stacy, to make their first-ever visit to the United States.

Jesse and Stacy were here in Ohio with us for the month of May. We were able to take them to see some sites in the U.S. They really liked their visit and enjoyed meeting some of the supporters and friends of Hope Ministries. Now they know where we live and what we do here in the U.S. It was a very short trip. They are now at school back in India, studying hard for their exams. They can't wait to come back. Hopefully, they can come back again in a few years. Please pray for them and all of the children in our children's homes.

You may read in this newsletter some of the wonderful things that God did through your prayers and financial support. Jaya and I thank you for your continuous support. Together, we are making a difference in many lives in India.

*A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.* Proverbs 22:9



## New Dorm Being Built at Hope Children's Home, Mori

After much prayer, God has provided the funds for us to build a much-needed replacement building for the girls who live at Hope Children's Home in Mori where our headquarters are located.

An anonymous donor has given us a donation that will not only cover the cost of the new building, but also some needed renovations at the High Mill Children's Home as well. We are grateful to this donor and we are praising God, our Provider!

This building that is being replaced was built in 1979 and had a tile roof and clay brick walls. The walls had begun to crumble with age and the roof had extensive damage from a neighbor's co-

conut tree that for years had been dropping coconuts onto the roof, causing the tiles to break. We kept up the best we could over the years with repairing the holes to keep out the rain and the rats, but the water and rats were making it increasingly difficult to provide a safe and clean environment for the children. We and the children are thrilled to be getting this new building!

Construction has begun and we are hoping to have it completed by the end of the year. There will be two stories in the new building. The first floor will have a dining room and study area, while the second floor will have beds, a dressing area, and restrooms.

*We bought and distributed clothes for all 400 children at the homes. They were happy to receive them and expressed thanks to all the sponsors. The children at Mori also received new blankets and sheets. It was like Christmas in July!*





## Renovation at High Mill Children's Home

One night this summer, a large section of the ceiling in the classroom of our school building fell and broke



some benches and desks. We are very thankful that this happened when no one was in the room! It is now fixed and the classes are being conducted without any safety concerns.

The roof of the High Mill children's home building had started to leak rainwater and sagged. We weren't sure how safe the building was. We met

with builders to determine the extent of the repairs needed and were relieved to find out that we don't have to tear down the building. They told us what we need to do and said that if we make those changes the building will be safe.

We are reinforcing the sagging roof with concrete pillars and walls, and are going to put a new layer of concrete on the roof. We are hoping to complete the work soon. Once we are done with the walls and roof we will paint the inside walls. The outside walls were painted earlier this year.

There are 65 children currently living in High Mill Children's Home. Once again, we want to thank the donor who donated the money to do the work on this renovation and the building at Mori.

## Children Surprised by Special Gifts

As you may remember from the last newsletter, a team of doctors and nurses from Canton, Ohio, traveled to India in January and held a women's wellness clinic. They treated 600 women at the High Mill campus during the three-day clinic. The women greatly appreciated the care they received.

Besides helping the women, nurse Debbie Lumley brought money from her church to bless the children who live at the High Mill home. With that

money we went shopping and bought shoes and a new set of clothes for each of the children. The last night of the visit, Debbie distributed clothes and shoes to the surprised and happy children. After a special meal for the children and staff, the team blessed the staff members who helped them with the clinic with gifts to show their appreciation for all their help.

The children, women, and all of us on staff want to thank Debbie and her church, as well as the medical team for being the hands and feet of Jesus to our children and women in need.



## Laying Foundation Stone for a New Church



Evangelist Dharshana Raju was called from another city to a tribal village named Donkarai over 15 years ago to preach the Gospel. After much hard work, he started a church with new believers. They have been meeting in a small thatched-roof hut, which they have now outgrown. The believers collected some money to build a bigger church. I was surprised to hear how much they had raised with just a few believers who are very poor. They gave generously!

When I was in this village to dedicate the wells we drilled, they asked me to break ground for their new church building. In just a couple of months, they were able to finish the walls, but ran out of money before the roof was done, so the pastor and believers asked Hope Ministries to help finish the roof. I told them I would join them in prayer and help them if God provides. They are still about \$2,000 short.

This area is a hot-bed for rebel groups who terrorize the villagers. The villagers are stuck between the police and the rebel groups. Police want the villagers to inform them about rebels' whereabouts, but the rebels warn the people that they will kill them if they do. They are in constant danger. Many of our evangelists who work in tribal areas are beaten by the rebels and warned not to preach the Gospel.

There are so many people living in extreme poverty, isolated from the world, who have never heard about Jesus. They need our help and they need Jesus.





## New Life-Giving Wells

We praise the Lord for the positive responses we received for drilling wells in the remote jungle areas. While I was in India this year, we drilled five bore-wells in tribal villages where our evangelists preach the Gospel.

At one village, originally we had wanted to drill in a public area that would be closer to the village, but couldn't get the permission. So, we drilled a well across the road from Hope Church. As a result, now the villagers have to come near the church to get their water.

Perhaps they will draw Living Water, as well.

In the month of July, I traveled to some of the villages to dedicate the wells and the new churches that were built. It was a hot and very difficult six-hour drive on rough roads. As soon as we arrived, we attended Gospel meetings and shared the Gospel and prayed for the sick. Then we dedicated the wells for the glory of God. The villagers and the church members that attended the services were so happy and grateful for the gift of clean water.

Earlier this year we drilled a bore well for a small group of families. The Lord provided



clean water. The villagers say since they started drinking this water, their health has improved and there are a fewer fevers and sickness! What a blessing! Praise the Lord!

When we drill a well or bless the people with a gift of food or meet their physical needs, the act of kindness in the name of Jesus opens doors to the village and to the hearts of the people. The final results are transformed lives that lead to establishing churches.

There is a need for funds to drill more bore-wells. We are continually receiving requests from villagers who need clean water to drink. If you are able to help with this need, please let us know.

## Church Gets a New Roof



In our last newsletter (May & June 2015), I wrote about a church building in a tribal village called Kuyyuru that needed our help to put a new roof over their unfinished church building. God answered the prayers and provided funds to finish the roof.

One of our evangelists, Lazar Yaka, has been preaching the Gospel in this village for a long time. Through his ministry many tribal people have come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. With the new believers, he started a church and built a thatched-roof church building.

About four years ago they started to



build a larger church to accommodate their growing congregation of new believers, but ran out of funds. The walls were done a while ago, but they didn't have funds to finish the roof. So the walls turned green and moldy.

The congregation requested us to help them finish the building. God heard their prayers and through the donations from a donor, we were able to help them put on a corrugated roof. The pastor and the congregation are so happy and grateful for our help. My brother Joseph traveled to this tribal area and dedicated the church building. Praise the Lord!

## Baptizing New Believers



God is using HMI's evangelists to continue to move forward to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the remote and most difficult jungle areas. New believers are being added to the church. What a joy it is to see people lined up to be baptized in a local river.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for Christians to be baptized in these villages because the leaders of the villages restrict them and often their families persecute them. Please pray for the new believers, that they will be faithful to God and able to stand strong amidst such difficulties.

## Peter's Family Needs Our Help

Peter Katuri was a faithful evangelist who worked with Hope Ministries for over 20 years. He was a good singer and an evangelist with a burden to reach the lost for Jesus. The last 6-7 years, he suffered with paralysis and died recently, leaving behind a wife, two sons, and a daughter. Peter's widow, Kasturi, has been working at our school and college as a custodian since her husband passed. She is the sole supporter of the family. Her daughter wants to go to college to become a nurse, but money is scarce.

While I was in India, mother and daughter came and shared with me their difficulties and requested some financial help. Please pray about this need and help them as God leads. Your prayers and support would make a big difference in this family.



## Suneetha's Story

Suneetha and her six year-old sister, Chandrakala, were brought to our children's home in Mori when Suneetha was only two years old. Their parents had died and the little girls were living on the streets. Someone found them

their own.

Suneetha has a difficult life. Her husband became an alcoholic and often takes the money that she makes as a housekeeper, causing financial difficulties for the family. She cares for her aging mother who lives with her and is raising two daughters. Her older daughter, Mary (on the right), walks about three miles to attend school. When our daughter Stacy heard this, she volunteered to give her bicycle to Mary for which she was very grateful and happy that she doesn't have to walk to school. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Once again, Jaya and I want to thank you for your faithful support and prayers. We and all of our children and staff remember you and your family in our daily prayers. God Bless You!

In Christ's Love,  
Jacob Beera



*Suneetha, her mother and two daughters*

and brought them to our home. When Suneetha was eight years old, one of our evangelists and his wife adopted her. Suneetha and her sister have both since grown up, married, and had children of

## Prayer and Support Opportunities

Bore-Wells

Bunk Beds

Donkarai Church Roof

Deaf and Mute Children Fund

Peter's Family

Where Needed

Sponsor a Child

Sponsor an Evangelist

Evangelist Bicycle / Lantern / Drum

\$2000 each

\$200 each

\$2000

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 per month

\$30 per month

\$100 / \$25 / \$25



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

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## Prayer and Support Opportunities in this Newsletter

Summarized, here are 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.

### Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Bunk Beds	[ ]	\$200 each
Bore- Wells	[ ]	\$2000 each
Donkarai Church Roof	[ ]	\$ _____
Peter's Family	[ ]	\$ _____

### Ongoing Prayer and Support Opportunities

Sponsor a Child	[ ]	\$20 per month
Sponsor an Evangelist	[ ]	\$30 per month
Evangelist Bicycle / Lantern / Drum	[ ]	\$100 / \$25 / \$25
Deaf and Mute Children's Fund	[ ]	\$ _____
Where needed	[ ]	\$ _____