



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

Jacob Beera, Founder & Director

P.O. Box 20456, Canton, OH 44701 (330) 454-1538

July & August 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus Wonderful Name! By the grace of God, after 5 months of mission work in India, we arrived back in the U.S. safely. We were happy to see our children, Jesse and Stacy, and the rest of our HMI family. We had an exciting and fruitful trip. You may read in this newsletter some of the wonderful things that God has done. We are grateful for your prayers and continuous support to continue this work. Thank You!

Vacation Bible School



A group of 12 young people from High Mill Church of the Resurrection in Canton, Ohio, traveled to India to conduct VBS in June. They had problems with their flight and had to postpone the dates. We had already printed pamphlets and announced the dates by PA system and TV ads. Because of canceled flights, we had to move the VBS dates a couple of days forward. At first we didn't know if anyone would show up, but to our surprise they began to

come. The first day, because of the unexpected rain, we had to close at noon.

The next day over 600 children attended and the last day over 1000 children and adults filled the campus. The American youth did an awesome job of sharing the Good News through mime, dance, and games. The children had so much fun and asked us to continue for another day.

The grandmother-in-law of the team leader, Daniel Dunnivan, passed away

last year and left one thousand dollars to bless the people of India. With that money Daniel bought blankets, towels, pillow cases, and food for 50 people living in a leprosy colony. He shared the good news with them that they are loved and that God has not forgotten them. The lepers were really blessed and expressed their gratitude. What a blessing Daniel and the team were to the people of India. We know that God will bless them for their faithfulness.

New Children's Dorm in Jungle Area



Last year when I traveled to dedicate bore wells that we drilled in tribal villages in India, I met a young man named David who shared his testimony and the burden he feels

for the children who live in remote jungle villages. David was once a gangster who lived a dangerous life. While he was running for his life, God led him to the jungles where he heard the Gospel through one of Hope Ministries' evangelists named Darshana Raju. After David gave his life to Jesus, God called him to preach the Gospel.



Students sharing their story

continued on next page...

Now he has a burden for the lost and is touching many lives for the Lord.

On my most recent trip to the jungles to dedicate bore-wells I saw David again. He told me about his desire to help some tribal people who originally belonged to the state of Orissa, but are now living in our state called Andhra Pradesh. Usually the state provides free room and board for college students, but this group is not recognized by either state. So, as a result, they are not receiving any financial help from either state government.

These young people are able to finish high school in their villages, but in order to attend a college they have to move to a larger city. They can attend classes, but there is no place for them to live or food for them to eat. As a result, many of them quit going to college and start working with their parents as laborers. Since there are few jobs available, some of them end up joining the wrong groups and some become armed rebels.

After praying about David's request, I feel that we should help these young people by opening a student dormitory for them while they attend college. They will not only get their college education, but will also have an opportunity to hear the gospel and live for Jesus. David and his wife will be overseeing the dorm as he continues to work as an evangelist. Please pray for this need.

Healing of a Child's Tumor and Watery Eyes

A few months ago a young mother in Hope Church at Mori brought her one-year-old son for prayer. She and her husband were converted Christians from a staunch Hindu family. The mother said that her son had a tumor on top of his head and water constantly flowed from his eyes. You could visibly see the tumor, which was a little smaller than a golf ball. I asked the whole congregation to stretch their hands towards the child and join me in prayer.

The next Sunday, she brought her son forward and shared a testimony. The boy was completely healed. The tumor had disappeared and he had no more watery eyes. God touched and healed him. What an awesome miracle and testimony to the community. Praise the Lord!

Crusade & Gospel Meetings

We held our annual crusade at our headquarters in Mori for four days in January of this year. Pastor Greg DiMeolo from Christ Community Church in Willoughby traveled with us to speak in our crusade and to visit the children's homes. God

the rain and began to pray. Soon the rain stopped and the meeting began. But, it rained all around us and people came to the meeting soaking wet. People were surprised when they arrived at the meeting and there was no rain. What an awesome God we serve.



used him and other Indian pastors in a special way to share the Good News. The gathering was larger than previous years. Some people traveled over 300 miles (like the state military men from the jungle areas you may read in page 3). God's presence was there and what a blessed time it was to worship and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The second day before we started the afternoon meeting, a strong wind came and it began to rain. I stood in

We prepared food for those who came from long distances, but ended up feeding almost everybody who attended the meetings. Even though the cost of food is very high we couldn't say no to those who sat at our table. We praise the Lord for the provision. Several hundred people stood up to give their lives to Jesus and we baptized some new believers. Many sick were prayed for and expecting God to touch them.

Birthday Celebrations!



Several young couples who couldn't have children for years after marriage conceived and have beautiful children after being prayed for. What a blessing it is to see them happy and praising God. One family in particular arranged a big birthday party and invited all their friends and families to celebrate God's blessings.

Jacob Beera feeding the first solid food to one of the babies.

Girls' Dorm at Mori Near Completion



Last year we tore down the old children's home building at Mori because the tiled roof was damaged by a neighbor's coconuts falling on it. God heard our prayers and provided funds through an anonymous donor. The new building construction was started in the same spot and the building is now near completion. The girls who will live here are eagerly waiting to move in.

We are so grateful to God for speaking to His supporters in the U.S. to provide for this need. We pray for God's richest blessings to be bestowed upon them for their faithfulness. What a blessing! Praise the Lord!! We want to thank all of you for your prayers and faithful support. May God bless you and provide for your needs is our prayer. Please continue to remember us and Hope Ministries in your prayers as we do the same for you. Thank You!

New Bore-Wells

First Trip to the Jungles:

We were able to drill six new bore-wells this year in remote areas of India. God provided the funds as an answer to the many prayers of the evangelists who work in these jungle areas and saw the need.

In the month of May I traveled with my brother Joseph and three Hope Ministries' evangelists to dedicate new bore-wells in remote jungle areas.

The first day we traveled to attend a gospel meeting at one of our evangelist's churches. I was able to pray and share the Gospel with 300-400 people who came to the meeting. The next morning, the pastor showed me a newspaper article about an attack on police the day before in the area where we were planning to go. The article told about how rebel groups ambushed and blew up police vehicles, killing over 40 officers. The pastor asked me if I still wanted to go to dedicate the well in this dangerous, rebel-controlled area. After praying about it, I told him yes.

We left that morning to go to the bore-well location for the dedication. We had to travel on a new highway that was under construction. It was a very hot day, and the van has no air conditioning. The dust was so thick that we could barely see where we were going. If we opened the windows, the dust swirled in, but if we closed the

windows we roasted. We traveled more than three hours through pure dust and around deep culvert-installation ditches.

As we were traveling through a small town, we saw a group of men wearing camouflage and carrying guns. As they were approaching us, I was wondering if they belonged to a rebel group. When they came closer and stopped our vehicle we were uneasy because we knew that the rebels who control this area are known to kidnap or kill people who come into their territory. When I rolled down the window to talk to them, they shouted, "Praise the Lord!" Here, these men had been to our Crusade in Mori in January! They had seen the Hope Ministries logo on our van and stopped us to say hello. They were state military men and not rebels! God surely does work in mysterious ways!!

We finally arrived at the location for the well dedication at 2 pm, where 200 people had gathered, singing and praising God since morning. Right away, we attended the meeting and shared the Gospel. Then we dedicated the well for the Glory of God. The believers were so happy and praised God for answering their prayers.

Immediately after the dedication,

we traveled to another Hope church where believers had been waiting for hours. We spent some time sharing the Gospel and prayed with most of the 100 or more people who were there.



We were even praying for them as we walked to our van to get out of the dangerous area before dark. We still had to retrace our steps across the dusty and uneven road. By God's grace, we arrived back safely -very dirty, yet very thankful for the Lord's provision and protection.

Second Trip:

On July 3rd, 2016, we traveled over 300 miles to the remote jungles to have Gospel meetings and dedicate a couple of new wells. When we got there, it was pouring down rain and they were just finishing up the well base and dedication plaque. The rain and mud were not able to hinder the



joy felt by this group of people who had waited so long for this day. One man told us that he had lived there for over 30 years and how, during the process of going up and down a steep hill to get water, many people had fallen and broken their arms, legs, and even backs. The villagers were overjoyed not to have to go down the dangerous path any more to get water for their families. Praise the Lord!

Then we traveled to another location about 20 miles away to dedicate the second well. About 25 families live out in the middle of nowhere in the mountains. They have been living there for 50 years. There was no road to get to this village, just rocks and a small path. We were able to drive uphill for two miles, but had to leave the vehicle and walk another mile to get there. The path was difficult to walk and I was wondering how they ever managed to get the

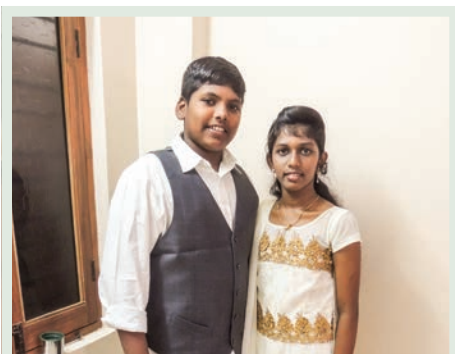
rig up there to drill the well. The water they had been drinking was the color of coffee, so they were so grateful to have clean, healthy water at last.

We were able to dedicate four of the six wells. All six are in use and the last two will be dedicated by Hope Ministries in the coming months.

At each bore-well dedication, we shared the Gospel and prayed for the villagers. After traveling 22 hours we arrived back at Mori at 5:00 a.m., tired but thankful that God allowed us the privilege of bringing living water.

John 4:14 *"but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

Please pray for these tribal people to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



Jesse and Stacy Beera 2016

Jaya and I are grateful to God for the time we spent with our children Jesse and Stacy. They are in good health and doing well. It is hard to believe they are in final year in high school which is 10th grade.

Please pray for them, the children in our 7 children's homes and the staff. HMI evangelists are hard at work sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many Hindus are coming to know the Lord as a result. They are grateful for your prayers and support and pray for you daily. Jaya and I also want to express our thanks for your faithful support and prayers. Thank you and God Bless You!



Jacob, Jaya, Jesse & Stacy Beera

Prayer and Support Opportunities

Bore-Wells	\$2000 each
Bunk Beds	\$200 each
Support for New College Students' Home	\$ _____

HMI

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
New College Dorm	[]	\$ _____

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	[]	\$ _____

Hope Ministries Intl. P.O. Box 20456 Canton, OH 44701