



Hope Ministries *Update*

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Update on Hope Children's Homes

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from our God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Jaya and I thank God for you as we remember you in our prayers for your faithful support and prayers.

This year some students from our children's homes graduated from high school and some of them went back to their homes to continue their studies. We are blessed to know that most of them that left the homes after graduation had become Christians! We know they will influence others by sharing their faith and the stories that they learned during their time at the children's homes. Many people's lives are going to be impacted for Jesus by their examples. We are so proud of the chil-



dren who have lived, learned and matured with us.

Some of the children from our children's homes who come from the jungle areas return home to go to college after they complete high school because they can receive government-sponsored scholarships to attend college in a nearby town. As a result, they

can get good jobs in the jungle areas where they settle after graduating from college. Many go on to become leaders in their churches and many of them are talented singers.

We are honored to have had a part in their physical, spiritual and intellectual growth and are especially grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus with them. And we are grateful for the part you have played in the lives of the children you support. We will never know this side of heaven what your prayers and support have meant in God's kingdom.

By the grace of God, we continue to make progress in feeding the poor and reaching the un-reached people for Jesus Christ in India.

Evangelists' Zeal to Reach the Lost

The evangelists associated with Hope Ministries are doing well in spite of the many difficulties they face. Some of them have been with us for the past 35 years and are getting up there in years. Some have been promoted to heaven and replaced by others - the ministry goes on.

While we were in India earlier this year I had the privilege to attend some of the churches where the evangelists are pastoring. I was blessed by their zeal to take the Gospel to the places where they are not welcome, places where they have been kicked out, but still go back again. Some of the areas where they work are very hard to access on any vehicle, so they must walk. The believers they minister to are the poorest of the poor, but God is using these evangelists to take them the Good

News of Jesus Christ. Many of the believers don't have much, sometimes not even roofs over their heads, but they are jubilant when they gather with other believers to worship. We have

Evangelists & Believers walking to a tribal village to preach the gospel



had the privilege of baptizing some of the new believers in the jungle areas.

Through the information that the evangelists share with us about the needs of the people, we have been able to drill bore-wells providing clean water to drink. We are able to provide physical water for their physical thirst and God fills them with living water for their thirsty souls. What a privilege to be able to serve Him in this way!

Hope Evangelists preaching the gospel



Appeal for Sponsors



In our children's home ministry we have approximately 400 children who we feed, clothe, house, educate, and minister to with your help. In our evangelist outreach ministry, we sup-

port about 300 evangelists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. The core mission of Hope Ministries is ongoing ministry to children in need of care and a population in need of the good news of the Gospel. Sponsors like you that identify with an individual child or evangelist and provide monthly support are critical to ensure the ongoing success of the ministry.

The ministry has recently enjoyed support for many necessary and tangible "initiatives", but we would like to fill some gaps in child and evangelist sponsorship if you are willing and able to help in this area. You may sponsor a child for \$20 per month or an evangelist for \$30 per month (see the back of the newsletter). If you are already doing so, thank you!



He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Proverbs 19:17

Deaf and Mute Children's Ministry

We have 20 children living in the Deaf and Mute children's home in Razole, near our headquarters in Mori. Some of them are now teenagers. Because of their disabilities, they are not able to work at most jobs, even though

they are otherwise able-bodied. One idea is to set up a garage where they can earn money fixing cars, mopeds, motorcycles, etc. Some of the older boys might be able to do this, but they need someone to teach them. If you

have this ability and desire to help develop this idea, please let us know. Or if you have any other ideas that could help these young adults, let us know.

This is still in the early stages of planning and we are gathering suggestions. We'll be praying and seeking the Lord on this until He shows us what to do. Please join us in prayer.

We also desire to take all 20 of the children to a doctor (or else have a doctor come to India) who can check their hearing to find out if any of them would be able to hear with the help of hearing aids. If hearing aids would help, we would like to provide them for the children who would benefit from them. We don't know how much this will cost, but we are trusting that God will provide the funds if/when they are needed. We will let you know more when we find out.

Please Continue to remember these young people in your prayers.



School Updates

We are excited about what God is doing in our high school and college in India. This April, 25 students graduated from our high school. All of them graduated with the highest rank of scores possible on their tenth grade exams and our school was rated the top high school in the area. Everyone hopes to pass with a high score because this will ensure that they have top priority in getting into a college or a job in the future. Most of the students who graduated from our high school have now gone on to colleges to further their education.

Our staff has brought to our attention that the noise level from our growing



number (150+) of younger students is disturbing the studies of the older students. Because of the open windows in the school, the noise from the little ones carries to the classrooms of the older students and makes it hard for them to concentrate. Also, there are not enough

class rooms in the school building.

We would like to build a separate enclosed facility and play area farther away from the main school building. Please pray with us for the Lord's direction to accomplish this goal.

Slip-Sliding Away



The driveway that leads from the main road to our school and children's home in Sitarampuram is in bad shape. When the rains come, the road floods, and when the water recedes, the road is mud-covered and slippery. The

children and staff must walk or ride their bicycles and mopeds on this driveway every day. It is messy and can be dangerous, so we need to add stones and gravel to raise the level of the road and then pave with blacktop or ce-

ment. We have about 800 feet of driveway that needs attention. It is a situation we need to take care of as soon as time and funding allows. We need about \$10,000 to get this job done. Please pray for this need.

Progress on College Dorm in Jungle Area

You may have read in the last newsletter about David, a Hope Ministries evangelist, who has a burden for the refugee young people in the jungle area who want to attend college, but have no place to stay while attending classes. If these students don't get an opportunity to attend college, they end up joining the family as laborers in the fields or joining the rebel groups to make their living.

We have made some recent progress. We found a small building to rent that is within walking distance to classes. At present, 10 students have moved into this "dorm". David and his wife live there with the students and provide supervision and guidance.

We would like to get a larger building so that we can house more students, but places to rent in this area are difficult to find. If a place to rent can't be found, we might buy a piece of land and build a dorm building. If you would like to contribute to this ministry for food and dorm expenses for the college students, please let us know.

Upcoming Trip to India

Jaya and I will be leaving for India on the 4th of January, 2017. Time has sure flown! A couple of friends from Ohio are planning to go with us for three weeks to visit the ministry and the children's homes. We'll be conducting the annual Gospel Meetings from the 16th through the 18th of January. It's always a special time of sharing the Gospel and seeing what the Lord does. It's exciting to see God save and heal people and set them free of their bondages. Please start praying now for many to come to know the Lord. Also, 2 or 3 pastors from California are planning to come to India to conduct Inductive Bible Study classes at HMI headquarters and also in Andaman Islands. Please pray also for our safety and God's anointing as we minister in India.

Merry Christmas!

In only a few short weeks, Christmas will be here. We always give each of the ministry's children a new set of clothes, school supplies, and some candy/snacks for Christmas. We also have a special dinner and program with them to celebrate our Savior's birth. Some sponsors send extra money for gifts for their sponsored children, but for the children that have no sponsor, we use money from the general fund. If you would like to contribute to this Christmas fund, please send your gift of \$15-\$20 for each child you would like to bless and we will forward your contribution to India where it will be used to purchase the needed items.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will toward men. Luke 2:14

***All of us at Hope Ministries wish you all
A Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year!***

Prayer and Support Opportunities

Bore-Wells	\$2,000 each
Driveway at school & children's home	\$10,000
Pre school building	\$50,000
Airfare for Jacob & Jaya, Jesse and Stacy	\$5,000
Support for New College Students' Home	\$ _____

Update on Jesse and Stacy Beera

We are so blessed to hear when sponsors and friends we meet at churches say that we are praying every day for you and your children. We are really grateful. Here is a brief update on what has been happening with our children:

Jesse and Stacy are 16 and 14 and they will both be finishing tenth grade in March of 2017. It's hard to believe that they are heading off to college next year. Jesse would like to become a pastor and Stacy wants to become a science teacher.

We are hoping to bring them back to the U.S. with us in April 2017 for a couple of months before college begins in India. We are in need of some financial help toward airline tickets. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Once again, Jaya and I, and all of us at Hope Ministries thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your faithful prayers and financial support. 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 un-reached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Driveway	[] (\$10,000)	\$ _____
Pre school building	[] (\$50,000)	\$ _____
Bore-Wells	[] (\$2,000)	\$ _____
College Students' Home	[]	\$ _____
Airfare for Beera's	[] (\$5,000)	\$ _____

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 / Christmas Gift	[]	\$ _____

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