



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We trust that you are doing well and in good health. Jaya and I came back to the U.S. with our children, Jesse and Stacy, on April 11th. When we returned I was under the weather for over two weeks and now, by the grace of God, am getting better.

We had a busy but fruitful trip. Kim and Allie Miller, mother and daughter from Canton, Ohio, traveled with us to India on January 4th. They stayed with us for 15 days. They attended our four-day crusade and shared the Gospel. As always, God used the crusade to show His power and touched many people. Many people attended and heard the Gospel and witnessed God's power. We prayed for hundreds of people and many stood up to give their lives to Jesus. Afterwards, we traveled and visited a few of our children's homes.

By the grace of God, we continue to move forward to reach the lost and to feed the children. Please continue to remember us and Hope Ministries in your prayers.

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.



Kim and Allie Miller's Trip to India 2017

This trip was highly anticipated for both of us. After months of waiting it was here. Finally we get to go on a once in a lifetime trip and experience the love of God in India. The landscape was breathtaking, the weather was wonderful, and the people were friendly but the most memorable aspect was experiencing God through Hope Ministries. The first Sunday in India, we attended church with the local people. After the message was preached, men and women shared what God was doing in their lives. It opened our eyes as to how God, through Hope Ministries, has impacted the lives of many. This was only the beginning of us witnessing God. Every morning, we were awakened by the children singing and saying their daily prayer. What a beautiful way to be reminded that God is our father and we should be thankful for His love every day.

Our first week there, we traveled all over, visiting many different children homes and schools. Each time we arrived at a new place, we were greeted with flowers and smiles from the children and staff. The children were more than happy to show us their facilities, everything from the kitchen to the classrooms to where they slept. You could see the difference this organization is mak-

ing in their lives.

The second week was the Crusade meetings. In preparation for these meetings, banners were displayed all over town and the men would drive around advertising the meetings. This was a highly-anticipated event and we were very much looking forward to seeing the many different preachers attending the convention. It was amazing to see the number of people there just to hear the word of God. Even though we could not understand, we could see the hunger people had to hear the Word and the desire to celebrate God.

On days we weren't traveling anywhere, we walked through the village and visited with different neighbors. We did not always understand one another, but we prayed and blessed the family, and they were a blessing in return to us. We may be from different parts of the world but we serve the same God. We can make connections with other people through our love for God and the passion to share his message to the world. We are blessed to have gone on this trip and to have experienced the wonderful things God is doing through Hope Ministries in India. If you ever have the opportunity to travel to India with Hope ministries, we highly recommended it.

Making a difference around college dorm



During our stay in India I traveled to Chinturu, the town where we started our college dorm in 2016. This was the first time for us to see the home since it opened. We held a meeting with the Hope Ministries evangelists who work in the surrounding tribal villages. We also met with some villagers. I had the opportunity to share the Gospel and pray for the sick. The staff cooked a dinner of rice, chicken and vegetable curries for approximately 50 people.

We were able to inspect a few pieces of land that we might buy in order to build a larger dorm building for the students. We

haven't made any decisions yet because the price of land in this area has skyrocketed in the last year or so.

We did find a corrugated metal building that we might be able to rent. It would require extensive renovation in order to update it into a livable space, but it could be done. We would be able to house 30-40 students in this building, compared to our present building, which houses 12. It comes with 1.5 acres of land which could be used for the students and staff to raise vegetables and chickens. Please pray that God makes it clear how He wants us to proceed. We need His wisdom for these situations.

Sewing Center

Last year the staff at the college dorm shared with me the burden they have for the unemployed people in the area. There are very few jobs and the people are in desperate need. They had

ing businesses in their homes. It also gives us the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them. We were privileged and excited to do a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch the new sewing center.



an idea to create a sewing center where women can learn how to sew so they can make money to support their families. They have three sewing machines that someone donated to them and we found a woman who knows how to sew who will teach the other women. We are prepared to pay her for teaching. The goal is to teach women how to sew and then provide them with sewing machines so that they can start small sew-

A Bicycle and a Roof for Rani

Rani was raised in Hope Children's home in Mori. After graduating from high school she went home and enrolled in college. She was walking 1½ to 2 miles to class every day in the heat, carrying her books in a big backpack. I was touched by her story and sent money for her to get a bicycle with a basket on the front so she wouldn't have to make the long, difficult walk back and forth every day, carrying all her college textbooks.



Rani and her mother were at the meeting we held in Chinturu at the college dorm. After dinner,

her mother came over to talk to me and invited us to come to their house. I was stunned when I saw the condition of the house. It is very small, only two rooms. The roof over one of the rooms



had collapsed, making one side completely unlivable. Rani, her mother, and her grandmother were forced to move into one room together, a space about 10' x 15'. In order for the damaged side of the house to be made livable again the roof needs to be replaced and the walls need to be fixed and painted. For everything to be fixed will cost \$500. If you would like to contribute to this need, please let us know.

Taxi for Students and Hire

We are considering buying a small vehicle to transport college students two miles from their classes to their dorm. During the time they are in



school, the vehicle could be used as a taxi to transport locals to pay for the driver, fuel, and maintenance. Hopefully, there would be some money left over to help with the ministry at the dorm. It would cost \$6,000. We need your prayers and financial support.

Bunk Beds Praise Report

We wanted to let you know that God has met the need for bunk beds for the rest of the Hope Ministries' children's homes! We are so grateful to First Friends' Church in Canton, Ohio, who provided the funds needed to make 50 bunk beds to finish this project. Now all 400 children in our children's homes will have nice beds to sleep in. Thank you to all of you who have contributed towards bunk beds during this project!

The last of the beds are now under construction at a local welding shop of a Hindu man we have come to know from working with him over the years. We've had opportunities to share the Gospel with him and his workers.

Seeds have been planted. Sometimes when he is in need he comes and talks to us. One day he talked to us about his niece. She desperately wanted a child, but was unable to carry a baby to full term. She had quite a few miscarriages. He brought her and her mother to us to be prayed for. We got to talk with them and pray for her. After a few months we heard the news that she was pregnant. We kept praying for her and several months later she delivered a beautiful baby girl. As a result, she gave her life to Jesus. Please join with us in prayer that her family and uncle give their lives to Jesus, too.

Update on Girls' Dorm at Mori



We have been working on the girls' dorm at Mori for nearly two years and are almost done! When we go back to India for a couple of months in June the workers will be finishing up and we will be able to dedicate the new building.

The girls are very excited about moving into their brand-new dorm (no more rats in the walls) and the boys are, too. For the past two years the boys have been living in a room in the church while the girls were occupying their space in the boys' dorm. The girls are very grateful that the boys were willing to give up their dorm temporarily while their new one was being built.

We are thankful for an anonymous donor who contributed to this project. We pray that God's richest blessings be upon them for their love and concern for the needy children in India.

Pre-School Project

"Train up a child in the way he should go: when he is old, he will not depart from it." – Proverbs 22:6

You may have heard that we are planning to add a pre-school curriculum to our existing school. There is already a kindergarten in place and we are hoping to build a building to house them in a location near our school, but not too near because they tend to get noisy. There are 60-70 kindergartners already, with

more to come in the future. A room for the preschoolers would be built adjacent to the kindergarten building.

The most important reason for adding a preschool is that it will give us



more time to teach them Bible stories and give them opportunities to hear and see the love of Jesus through the teachers who work with them. Secondly, it will allow for an easy transition into the kindergarten program, where they will continue learning about God and developing academically.

As this new adventure unfolds, we will keep you updated on its progress. We need your prayers and financial support as decisions are being made concerning this ministry to these little ones.

Jesse and Stacy in America



We are happy to be able to bring our children, Jesse and Stacy, back to the U.S. a second time. It has been nice

spending time with them and getting to know them better. Even though Jaya and I are in India six months out of the year, we really don't get to see them that much because they are off at boarding school during most of that time. We are enjoying this time together.

Jesse and Stacy finished writing their tenth grade final exams on April 8th (tenth grade is the last grade in high school in India) and we boarded a plane for the U.S. two days later. They were very tired for several days, due to the non-stop studying for a couple of months for their exams. They will be starting college when they return to India in June.

Jesse is thinking about working towards an MBA in Business Administration and then possibly coming to the U.S. to go to Bible school, eventually working with Hope Ministries. Stacy is still undecided about her major, but is leaning towards a degree in computer programming. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new stage in their lives.

During our two-month visit in the states we are planning to travel and show them the country. Please pray for health and travel mercies for all of us as we camp our way across the country and back, stopping to sightsee and visit friends along the way.

Clean water for remote areas

The first few weeks after we arrived in India, I talked to the Hope Ministries pastors about which villages they felt were in the most desperate need of clean water. We located five villages and were able to drill all five wells before we came back to the states in April. Now they are building platforms and placing engraved plaques at each well with the donor's name. When we go back to India in June for a couple months we will have dedication services



for the wells.

We have the funds for three more wells. Our evangelists are now check-

ing out more locations to drill and we will begin drilling those three when I get back. There is still a great need for clean water in the remote areas of India. If it is on your heart to contribute to this need, please let us know. Providing clean water is helping to lower the occurrence of disease and is opening doors for us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the villagers - Jesus is the Living Water with those who are in need.

Prayer and Support Opportunities

Bore-Wells (each)	\$2,000	Deaf Children's Home	\$ _____
Pre school building	\$30,000	Rani's house repair	\$ _____
Mini Van	\$6,000	Support for College	
Sewing Machine	\$100	Student's Home	\$ _____



Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

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.

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Mini Van	[] (\$6,000)	\$ _____
Pre school building	[] (\$30,000)	\$ _____
Bore-Wells	[] (\$2,000)	\$ _____
College Students' Home	[]	\$ _____
Sewing Machine	[] (\$100)	\$ _____

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 /Rani's House Repair	[]	\$ _____

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