



# 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

October & Nov. 2017

**Dear Friends,**

*Greetings to all of you in the precious Name of Jesus Christ!*

By the grace of God, Jaya and I got back from India in the first week of September. We were able to accomplish quite a few things. You may read them on the following pages of our newsletter.

Jesse and Stacy, after staying in the United States for two months, had mixed feelings about going back to India. They enjoyed their time with us, but at the same time they were excited to go back to India to start their first year of college.

Jesse is going to college from home at Mori. He is planning to get a degree in Business Administration. Since he is staying at home, he is able to be involved in the ministry and is a big help to me, my brother Joseph, and the Hope Ministry team.

Stacy is also in her first year, but at a different college than

Jesse. She stays in a dorm with other girls on the same campus where she attended high school. She is studying Science and at this time would like to be a doctor and stay in India after she completes her schooling to help the people there.

Besides conducting Crusades and Gospel meetings and visiting children's homes, we traveled several times to the jungle areas to dedicate the six bore-wells that had been drilled so far this year. At the dedication ceremonies we gathered with the local villagers for singing, prayer, and sharing the Gospel.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to keep us and Hope Ministries in your prayers.



## GIRLS' DORM AT MORI FINISHED!



It is exciting to see that the girls' dorm that we have been working on for over three years is now completely done. We are so grateful to an anonymous donor for providing funds for this project. Praise the Lord for speaking to His children about the need.

This new building replaced an old tiled-roof building with walls that were built with mud mortar. The coconuts from our neighbor's coconut tree

damaged the tiled roof and the walls. The cracks in the walls became a home for rats, which made a big mess. Sometimes the children were bitten by them. So we had to tear down the old building and build a new one.

The new building consists of two floors. The ground floor has a dining area and study hall. The second floor has a big hall for beds, a sitting room, a dressing room, and bathrooms with

running water, including showers and western-style toilets. They also have nice bunk beds with custom-made mattresses. The girls are excited about their new facilities and thank the sponsors for their generosity. Everyday they remember to pray for all the sponsors.

**Proverbs 22:9** *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*

# UPDATE ON COLLEGE DORM IN CHINTURU

As you may have read in our May & June 2017 newsletter, we opened a dorm for college students in Chinturu, a small town surrounded by tribal villages. Sixteen students from the poorest of the poor families were admitted. Even though they were crowded in small rooms, they said they were very happy to be in the dorm to attend the college. One student told our son Jesse, "This place is far better than what we had at home. I never slept inside of our house while growing up, because there was not enough space in our one room thatched-roof hut. I had to sleep outside."

In September we were asked to vacate the student dorm. So our staff searched for a building big enough to house them. By God's grace, they found a house and rented it. I traveled to Chinuru with Jesse and my brother, Joseph, to dedicate the building. This building is much larger and closer to the college. The students only have to walk half a mile to get to the college.

We didn't have much time to arrange a big Gospel meeting, but invited HMI evangelists who work in the surrounding tribal villages for the dedication of this new



building. After the dedication we had lunch for them and distributed a new set of clothes we had bought for each of the students who live in the dorm.

After the dedication service was over, I felt led to ask the staff to find out if the owner would like to sell the building. To our surprise, he said yes. They gave us a price and we gave them an offer of \$17,000 and they agreed. I told our staff that I would send the money (which we didn't have) as soon as we got back to the U.S. I asked our staff and students to pray that God would



provide the funds.

Three days after the dedication we returned to the U.S. and began to pray. Before we had a chance to share with anybody in the U.S. about the need, God answered our prayers.

The second Sunday after we returned from India we attended a mission conference in Hartsville, Ohio. During the closing prayer Jaya said, "Let's go to the booth." I said, "I think we have to wait here some time". When we walked out of the sanctuary into the hallway a family greeted us and said, "We have been wanting to contact you for three weeks, but we couldn't find your newsletter with your phone number." Then they asked, "What are the pressing needs for the ministry?" I told them about the college dorm and the need to buy a building. They asked, "How much do you need?" I told them the amount and the wife and husband looked at each other and said, "We are going to write you a check. Jaya and I couldn't believe it when we saw the amount on the check. It was above and beyond what we needed. We praised God for answering our prayers. We pray that God will bless them for their faithfulness. The need was met!! What a blessing!

*Isaiah 58:6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?*

## FRUIT FROM THE COLLEGE DORM MINISTRY

The manager of the HMI college dorm in Chinturu, a former gangster, shared an exciting story during my last visit to Chinturu. He told me that after we had opened the college dorm last year a teenager who lives across from the dorm building started to visit the young people his age who lived there. He felt comfortable to talk and became friends with the students and staff.

This young man was born and raised in a Hindu family. His father is a priest in a Hindu temple in that village. This young man is in line to become the

priest after his dad, so he is being raised in strict Hindu rituals to fill his father's shoes.

During his visits to the dorm, our staff began to share with him about Jesus. Then he began to attend prayer meetings at the dorm, Sunday school, and church services. He did all this in secrecy without letting his family know. After hearing about Jesus, he told our staff that he is very happy to find out about Jesus, who is a lot different than the gods his family worships. Later, he gave his life to Jesus. Now, he fears for

his life and wonders what will happen to him if his family knows he has become a Christian, but he still comes to our dorm and attends prayer meetings. I met him and talked to him at the college dorm dedication.

Please remember this young man and pray for God's blessings and protection over him. Eventually, he will be a great testimony to his family. Please keep our college students in your prayers because some of them also came from Hindu families.

# WIDOW'S COLLAPSING HOUSE REBUILT

In our last newsletter I wrote about a widow named Bharathi. Bharathi, her mother, and her daughter live close to the college dorm that we started in Chinturu. She worked in our children's home in Mori as a cook and her daughter lived in the children's home. Bharathi had to quit her job to take care of her aging father who was sick. Her father was a pastor who went to be with the Lord. Her mother moved in with her after her father was gone. Later Bharathi became very sick and almost died.

She came to the dedication of the college dorm and afterwards she invited us to her house. When I went there I couldn't believe their living conditions. Her house was half collapsed and all three of them were living in a small room with their belongings. After seeing their living conditions, I felt led to do something. I asked one of our staff members to get an estimate to fix their house. He talked to a builder and found out how much it would cost. Then I told him that I would send the money and get the house fixed. We repaired the damaged walls and put on a new roof and a

fresh coat of paint.

When I went back to dedicate the new college dorm building in Chinturu,



Bharathi came to the dedication ceremony. It was amazing how grateful she was. In front of all the people, she began to cry with gratitude and bent down to touch my feet. I lifted her up quickly and told her to thank God because He is the one who helped her.

She invited us to come and pray in her house, but we couldn't go because it was already getting late for us to leave that tribal area. Our staff and evangelists told us to leave Chinturu before dark because of robbers that were stopping isolated cars and robbing them. They said that

robbers watch the cars that travel after dark through the mountains. The robbers call their partners in crime up ahead who



hide at hairpin curves to stop the cars and rob their passengers. Sometimes the robbers kidnap or kill them. Our staff and evangelists urged us to leave before dark, but we got a late start and ended up going through the mountains later than we wanted, in the dark. It was scary, but God watched over us and gave us a safe trip home to Mori. Praise the Lord!

*James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

## BUNK-BED PROJECT FINISHED!



Oh, what a blessing it is to see how God answers prayers! We praise Him for answering the prayers of the children who live in the Hope Ministries' children's homes in India. All the children used to sleep on woven mats on cement floors. These were much nicer conditions than those in the houses they came from, but four years ago I felt that I should make bunk beds for all 400 children who live in our homes. We prayed about it

and let the HMI sponsors know about this need through our newsletters. As God provided, we began to make bunk beds for one home at a time.

Last year a church felt called to provide the remaining 50 bunk beds we needed. Praise the Lord! Now the project is finished. All of the children are very happy to have their own beds to sleep in. Jaya and I, as well as the children, are so grateful for all of



you who helped make this possible.

It gives me great joy to see these children healthy and happy, and having a nice bed and clean place to live. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support, which are making a big difference in their lives. Many children's lives are being changed by accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We pray that God will bless all of you and meet your needs.

## WATER WELLS IN JUNGLE VILLAGES

During our two trips to India this year, we were able to drill six borewells in the remote jungle areas. Out of many requests we receive, we select the most needy areas for drilling. People are so grateful to have clean water. In one area, they said they have to walk a long way and get down from a steep bank into the canal to get a pot of water. Some villagers slipped and broke arms and legs and some even died. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve these people and share the Gospel with them.



While we were traveling from one bore-well to another, we were involved in an accident with a motorcycle. It happened high up in the mountains. A motorcycle that was traveling fast to

climb the mountain, slid and hit our right front tire. They fell off the bike, but the bike hit our front tire with great force. Our tire exploded with a loud noise. The people on the bike were hurt and bleeding and their bike was totaled, but nothing happened to us or our vehicle except the tire. We got out of the vehicle to help them. They said, "It was our fault. We are sorry." Usually, they make the bigger vehicles pay for smaller ones. Praise the Lord for His protection!

## NEW CLOTHES FOR THE CHILDREN!



Jaya and I want to thank you all for your special gifts at Christmas time. We bought and distributed a new set of clothes and school supplies to all of the children in our children's homes. We bought materials and have the tailors stitch for

them. All of them were so excited and expressed their thanks for your loving gifts. We also bought a set of new clothes for 50 evangelists with a gift from a sponsor.

It is already time again to think about Christmas and gifts. It will be on us before we know it. Just like many children, our children also look forward to celebrate Christmas and receive their gifts of new clothes. Even if you are not a Sponsor, you may send a gift of \$15-



\$20 to buy gifts for one of our children that live in our eight children's homes. Thank you so much and God bless you!

Yours for India,  
Jacob, Jaya, Jesse & Stacy Beera



### Prayer and Support Opportunities

Bore-Wells	\$2000 each
Lost children (college students) Fund	\$ _____
Deaf and Mute Children Fund	\$ _____
Evangelist Bicycle / Lantern / Drum	\$100 / \$25 / \$25
Christmas Gifts	\$ _____

# 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 un-reached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

### Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Bore- Wells	[ ] \$2000 each
Lost children (college students) Fund	\$ _____
Deaf and Mute Children Fund	\$ _____
Christmas Gifts	\$ _____

### Ongoing Prayer and Support Opportunities

Sponsor a Child	[ ] \$20 per month
Sponsor an Evangelist	[ ] \$30 per month
Evangelist Bicycle / Lantern / Drum	[ ] \$100 / \$25 / \$25
Where needed	[ ] \$ _____