



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

*We Wish you
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year!*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name!

In the August 2020 Newsletter, I summarized how Jaya and I had our travel plans delayed by the global pandemic. In the early part of our 2020 India missions' trip, before significant spread of Covid 19, we were still able to hold our annual Gospel Meeting in Mori and visit some of our children's homes. By the end of the trip, we were already beginning to shift the focus of the ministry due to the impact of the corona virus on both community needs and health agency restrictions.

When the pandemic began in March 2020, schools were shut down by government decree. Soon after the schools closed, the child welfare required us to send all of the children in our children's homes back to their families or relatives. Even when we told the authorities that we had secure campuses for the children to stay, they still forced us to send them home. The children didn't want to go home, because they knew it would be difficult to get enough food to eat at their homes. Presently, there are no children in our children's homes

While we are waiting for schools to re-open and our children to return to our children's homes, we have been using child support funds to distribute food to needy families and help the sick financially, along with others who come to us for help. Support to our pastors and evangelists was never interrupted and in addition to serving special, pandemic related needs in our local communities, we have also stepped up food and other assistance to our affected pastors and evangelists. This is a continuation of the types of outreach we described in the prior newsletter.

After approximately a half year of emergency redirection of ministry funds to meet the needs of the coronavirus crisis, we have restarted saving the child support funds in anticipation of children returning to the children's homes. We will be glad to return to one of our core Ministry functions, serving the needs of orphaned and needy children, but we have also been encouraged to be able to step into other forms of ministry during this health crisis. We wish to thank all of you for your continued prayer and financial support for the Ministry through this extraordinarily unique and challenging time. We are continuing to pray for all of you, too, that you stay healthy and weather this crisis through God's grace.

PRAYER REQUEST



I received an email from our staff member at the Chinturu girls' dorm concerning a needy family. The man in the photo is the father of the girl standing next to him. Her name is Emima. Her father is an alcoholic who didn't care for his children or wife. As a result of his abuse, his wife and children were separated from him. Because of financial problems, the mother brought her three children to our Hope Children's Home in the jungle area of Gopavaram. Emima was in 2nd grade and her brother who was in 1st grade when they came to our children's home. A few years later, their younger brother joined our home, too.

The father's problem caught up with him and he became sick. Now he has breathing issue along with kidney problems. He is not in a position to walk or take care of himself. His mother has been taking care of him, but now his mother is old and she is not able to work. These are difficult times for her to feed him. I just received another email, he just passed. We ask you to please pray for this family for God to comfort them and strengthens them. They are in extreme poverty even to get enough food to eat. Any financial help would be greatly appreciated.

Emima finished high school (10th grade) at Hope Children's Home in Mori. After she finished high school, she went to live in the college dorm in Chinturu, which is closer to her family. This year she finished two years of Intermediate course work. Three other girls also finished the same course. Now they want to go to nursing school so they can help their people in the tribal villages. If they finish this course, they will be able to get a job and support themselves. They are asking us to help them financially to finish this course.

They all have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Please pray for them and help them with their nursing school if you are able.

ROOF REPAIR AT HOPE CHURCH IN MORI

The concrete roof over the Hope Church building has been damaged and has started to leak because of heavy rains. We need to remove the damaged layer of cement and put on a new layer with water-proof coating. We did some repairs with the donations from the church members, but we weren't able to finish the job. We need some help to finish the work, which will cost \$3000. Please pray about this need and help us finish the roof.

By the grace of God, Hope Church at Mori continues to grow, but there are still a lot of people who need to be reached with the Gospel. Our pastors are actively involved in visiting homes to share the Good News and praying for the sick. Hindu women are open to hear the good news, but men are not. When Hindu women accept Jesus, they face a lot of resistance from their families. They are restricted from coming to church. But somehow, they try to attend the church service whenever they have the opportunity. They need the freedom to serve the Lord. Please remember them in your prayers.



EVANGELISM



Because of Covid-19, evangelism has slowed down in India. There can be no Gospel meetings no street meetings. And there are very few house visitations to share the Gospel or pray for the sick. Churches were closed for over four months. Recently, they reopened, but very few believers are attending church services.

We are sending monthly financial support for the evangelists and HMI staff. The evangelists are very grateful for our support, especially during these difficult times. Without this help they would be in great difficulties because they have no income from churches or house visitations.

No matter what is happening in the world, the Gospel must go forth. The evangelists are the only ones who can go to the remote jungles to share the Good News. They need our help and prayers. You may support one of these evangelists with \$30 - \$50 per month. Your support will make a difference. Who knows how many people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior through our evangelists' ministries? It seems like the doors are closing to the Gospel in India, so we have to work while the doors are still open. *"We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work."* John 9:4

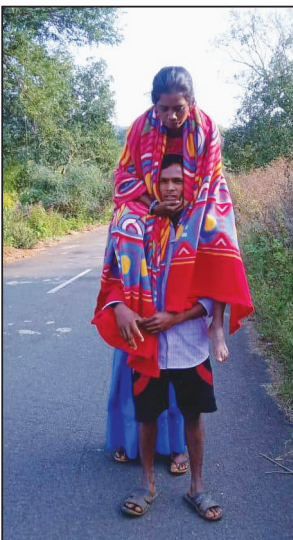
GIFT OF BIBLE COMMENTARIES

A sponsor sent a gift and wanted us to do something for HMI evangelists. When we asked our evangelists about their need, most of them said they would like to have a Bible commentary. We had to order the commentaries in the Telugu language.



It took more than three months to get them. We distributed them to our evangelists and I know they make good use of them. They were very happy for their gifts and expressed their gratitude to the sponsor. Every day they remember to pray for all the sponsors. *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* 2 Timothy 2:15

CARRYING SICK WIFE TO THE HOSPITAL



One of our HMI evangelists sent this photo. A man in the tribal village was carrying his wife on his shoulders to the hospital. We don't know how far he has to carry her. We see this quite often when we travel through the tribal areas. Sometimes villagers carry a sick person in a sling of a blanket or a saree. They tie the sling to a stick and two men carry it on their shoulders.

Sometimes they have to carry the sick person for 5 to 10 miles or more through hills and on rough roads. There are no ambulances and no hospitals nearby. We hear that many pregnant women at delivery time are carried to the hospital by villagers. Some make it to the hospital, but some die on their way. This is one of the hardest things our evangelists see that these tribal people go through. *"Help carry each other's burdens. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings."* Galatians 6:2

LIFE-CHANGING BORE-WELLS

Many tribal people who live in remote jungles lack proper nutrition and clean drinking water. Many of them are sick with typhoid, malaria, or hepatitis. Carrying water from the canals, streams, and water holes is a big chore for the women. They carry several pots at a time on their heads to reduce the number of trips to the water holes.



They are very religious people who worship idols and animals. They still sacrifice chickens and goats, and in some areas, they sacrifice humans. Most of them have never heard the Gospel. Our evangelists go to these villages to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. They share with us the difficulties of the tribal people and ask us to pray and help. So far this year, 2020, we have drilled seven bore-wells to provide clean water. Last year we drilled 23 bore wells. We have drilled close to 100 bore wells in the past eight years. The villagers are very grateful for those who have given generously to drill these wells. *"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* John 4:14

Because of these water wells, many tribal people's lives have been changed for the better. Their health has been improving and, most importantly, they hear the Gospel and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are starting new churches with the new believers. Praise the Lord! You may help drill a well for \$2000. So many villages are in need of clean water. Please pray for this need.

UPDATE ON JESSE & STACY BEERA

Jesse and Stacy are healthy and doing well. They both are in their second year of college. Since the beginning of Covid-19, they have had no school. Even though there was no school, they were notified to prepare to write 1st year exams. In the first week of November, Jesse wrote his exams. Stacy was preparing to write her exams in the 1st week of December. Please remember them in your prayers for God's will to be done in their lives.

We are so thankful for your prayers and financial support for our evangelists and children and other support for Hope Ministries. We are confident that God will see us through even this challenge as He has always been faithful and gracious. *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19 Our prayer for you, as well, is that Our Almighty God Bless You and Keep You!

We Wish You A Blessed Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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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

Help for Emima's Family	[]	\$ _____
Mori Hope Church repair	[]	\$ _____
Help for Nursing students	[]	\$ _____
Bore-Well	[]	\$2000 each

Ongoing Prayer and Support Opportunities

Sponsor a Child	[]	\$20 per month
Sponsor an Evangelist	[]	\$35-50 per month
Where needed	[]	\$ _____

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