



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name!

By the grace of God and your prayers, Jaya and I returned safely to the U.S. We were scheduled to return on July 30, but had to reschedule the trip to begin August 12. I believe this was a blessing from God to allow a more time for Jaya to recover from total knee replacement surgery she had a month before. She is recovering well. Please remember her in your prayers.

CHURCHES HAVE RE-OPENED!

CHILDREN'S HOMES



Churches in India had been closed for months but reopened a week before we arrived India on April 1. We attended church service just one Sunday, then the churches were shut down again. Then closings continued for a little over three months and then churches re-opened shortly before we returned to the U.S. There are some restrictions to follow, such as three-foot distancing and wearing masks.

We were restricted from conducting outdoor Gospel meetings. Everybody is concerned about attending large gatherings. Our evangelists are eager to hit the streets to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We are praying for a breakthrough from fear and anxiety about the Covid virus.

Recently, there were some Hope Church members affected by Covid-19. They are staying at home and receiving treatment. By God's grace, they are doing much better and recovering.

The children's home closings continued from the previous year. According to government orders, we were required to send the children from our children's homes back to their families. Just recently, high schools were reopened, but not primary schools. We are waiting for the children to return to the children's homes as soon as the primary schools are re-opened.

The government is trying to draw more students into public schools by giving incentives, such as school books, school bags, uniforms, shoes, socks, ties, free lunches, and yearly financial gifts. It is a welcome initiative for children because they get to stay at home with their parents and attend a local school. We are very happy for them, but we are concerned about their spiritual life. At this time, we are not sure when and how many children will come back to the children's homes, but we are ready and waiting for them. We thank you for your loving support and prayers for the children.

NURSING STUDENTS



Even though we are not sure how many of our children will come back to our children's homes, we are happy for an opportunity to help make a difference in some other young adult lives. We opened a college dorm in Chinturu for several students to reside while attending a nearby college. Some of them have graduated from a two-year intermediate course that follows high school. We want to thank all of you who prayed for them and helped them. They are very grateful to all of you for your prayers and financial help.

Some of the girls who have graduated from the intermediate course would like to continue their education and go on to nursing school, which is a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. If they finish this course, they will be able to get a job in a hospital to help people in the remote jungle areas. Also, they will be able to support themselves. Some of these girls came to our children's homes when they were in the 1st grade and lived in the children's homes for 12 years. They are asking us for our help to complete the Nursing course.

We have an opportunity to help six girls and two boys achieve their goal of becoming nurses and lab technicians. Most importantly, you can pray for them as they pursue their education. You can also help them financially, if God leads you. If you would like to contribute toward the fund to help them become nurses, you can send your tax-deductible donation to Hope Ministries and we will make sure that your gift is applied to this educational opportunity.

The total cost will be \$25,000 for all eight of our students to finish their degrees. You may wish to sponsor a

student's entire cost, or whatever amount you wish. No gift is too small. They will be grateful for any help you can send. Here is the need:

1. BSC Nursing (Bachelor of Science in Nursing, four-year program)
Two Students @ \$5,000 per student
2. GNM Nursing (General Nursing & Midwifery, three-year program)
Two Students @ \$3,500 per student
3. DMLT course (Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, three-year program)
Two Students @ \$3,500 per student
4. MLT course (Intermediate) (Medical Laboratory Technology, two-year program)
Two Students @ \$500 per student

A few boys who attended college have finished Lab Technician courses. They are now working as Lab Technicians in local hospitals close to the jungles. They also expressed their gratitude to the sponsors for their prayers and financial support. They came from Hindu families and some of them have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are praying that God uses them to further the spread of the Gospel with their testimonies.

EVANGELISM

Due to regulations requiring the opening of new bank accounts for Christian ministries in India, all transactions were suspended for three months. Ministries didn't receive any funds during that time. Before shut down began in April 2021, God miraculously provided a onetime generous gift for all of our ministry evangelists. They were so surprised when they opened their envelopes and were very happy and praised God.

Later we realized that God provided for the evangelists for the upcoming three months that it took



to re-open bank accounts. The evangelists are now ready to go to the villages to share the Gospel. Please keep us all in your prayers as we are praying for you. If the situation arises where there are fewer children's homes and children, we want to increase our efforts to support more evangelists to reach the areas where the Gospel is not preached in remote villages of India.

There is an opportunity to sponsor Evangelists for \$30—50 a month. God bless you as you continue to sponsor our evangelists or begin to sponsor them for the first time!

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

BOREWELLS



We want to thank all of you who sent donations toward drilling borewells in remote areas of India where there is no clean drinking water. We praise the Lord for allowing us to drill 11 borewells in the most-needed areas in an area spanning over 100 miles in length. In a time of difficult circumstances such as lockdowns, curfews, fear of Covid, and travel restrictions, we needed to persevere to get the work done.

There was a small window of time when we had a break from restrictions in February and March of 2021. People began to move around, but with caution. During that period, we were able to drill nine borewells in the remote jungle villages.

I appreciate our evangelists who dared to travel to find the villages that were in need of clean water. They had to find trucks that were willing to travel to drill. It is very difficult to imagine how the trucks ever got to the villages where they drilled. After June 2021 we drilled another two borewells.

Because of Covid there were many types of travel restrictions, then there were heavy rains and floods. We weren't able to travel to villages to dedicate borewells until the middle of July. In the meantime, the villagers started using the wells. In the third week of July, before our return trip to the U.S., we had the opportunity to

travel to dedicate the borewells. We traveled about 185 miles on paved roads and another 180 miles on dirt and rocky roads. Then we walked a few miles from where we left our vehicle. It took us three days to travel to 11 different villages. At each bore well we sang gospel songs and shared the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who gathered at the dedication. We also prayed for the sick.

One of the villages we traveled to was about 30 miles from the paved road. Before we got to the village we had to drive through woods and narrow paths just wide enough for our SUV. There was no room for even a person to walk beside the SUV. After carefully traveling to avoid scratching the vehicle, there was a fallen tree across the path. We didn't know what to do except to back up the vehicle. It was difficult to back up the vehicle without scratching it. Then we found another narrow path and needed to cross three waterways. When there was no road, we parked our vehicle and walked for a mile or two to the village.

While we were dedicating the borewell, one of the evangelists kept telling us to hurry up, because clouds were coming, and we have to leave before the rain started. I was somewhat annoyed, but we hurried and finished the dedication. After we traveled back to the paved road, the rain started. It rained for a few hours without stopping. We praise the Lord! If we had stayed in the village a little longer, we would have been stuck in the village for two or three days because the waterways we had crossed were flooded.



The borewells are making a big difference in these villages. There are fewer fevers and improved health and happy lives. The wells also open doors for our evangelists to share the Gospel. Who knows how many people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

John 4-13-14 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst..."

FALLEN CAMPUS WALL REBUILT!



Finished wall

Because of heavy rains a couple of years ago, the wall at one of our children's homes had collapsed. Because of the generous gifts we received, the wall is now rebuilt. The wall is actually two times longer than the photo. Praise the Lord! We are all very happy that there is security from wild dogs and snakes. We thank all who helped rebuild this much needed wall. May God richly bless you for your generosity and prayers.

UPDATE ON JESSE & STACY BEERA



Our children, Jesse and Stacy, are safe and doing well. Stacy is taking coaching classes to help her prepare for the NEET Exam. If she passes this test, she could be eligible to get financial aid from the Indian government to go to medical school to become a doctor. She wrote the test on September 12th. She said she is hopeful. Please keep her in your prayers for God's will to be done in her life.

Jesse is in his second year of a three-year Bachelor's course. He is expressing his desire to go to a Bible School here in the U.S. He wanted to come with us to the U.S. on this trip, but we want him to finish his degree before he comes here.

My brother, Joseph, is having some health problems and slowing down. So, at present, Jesse is taking care of the day-to-day activities of Hope Ministries. Please pray for them to be safe and healthy.

Jaya and I appreciate and thank all of you for your faithfulness in giving and praying for Hope Ministries during difficult times such as this. The whole world is in a time of uncertainty, and fear with no guarantee for tomorrow. All we can do is to pray for the nations for safety and salvation for all.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Yours for India,
Jacob & Jaya 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.

Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Fund 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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