



# Hope Ministries *Update*

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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## *Glory to God in the Highest!*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

*We wish you a very  
Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year!*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name!

By God's grace and your prayers, Jaya and I, our children Jesse and Stacy, and all at Hope Ministries are doing well. We hope it is the same with all of you.

The years 2020-21 have been difficult years for almost everybody in the world. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought fear, anxiety, sorrow, and grief to millions of people. There seems to be no end in sight. But God says in Psalm 50:15 "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

**Whom shall I send and  
who will go for us?**

Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me."

We feel an increased burden to preach the Gospel to the tribal people who are living in the remote jungles. They are the least evangelized and unreached people groups in India. They are uneducated, idol worshippers, and very religious people. Some of them are still half naked and live a primitive lifestyle. Going to bed hungry is a way of life for them. Most of them suffer with fevers such as Malaria and Typhoid, and stomach problems because of drinking polluted water from the streams and water holes.

There are very few hospitals in the tribal villages. During childbirth or due to sickness, they must travel many miles to the main road and wait for hours to catch a bus which runs once or twice a day to towns with hospitals. Sometimes the patient is carried in a sling through the woods and river beds. Sometimes they face sorrow by losing the sick person while carrying them to the hospital. The saddest thing is that they are dying without knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior.





Hope Ministries Evangelists are slowly getting back to their daily routine of traveling to the villages to share the Gospel. Most of our Evangelists were once Hindus who worshipped idols and lived a sinful life. Many were drug addicts and alcoholics. They heard the Gospel on a street corner through visiting Evangelists, and gave their lives to Jesus. Then they were called to preach the Gospel. Even though there is persecution and restrictions to share the Gospel, there are still some open doors to deliver the good news about salvation through Jesus Christ.

A few years back, one of our Evangelists came to a Pastors' meeting at our children's home in the jungle area. He said that he was beaten while preaching the Gospel on a street corner and left with broken ribs. It happened a few days before he came to the meeting. All of us felt very sad and gathered around and prayed for him. You can help one of these dedicated Evangelists with a donation of \$35-50 a month. Please pray for HMI's Evangelists, their families, and their ministries.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



- We are so grateful and thankful for the financial support that we are receiving from you to drill borewells in the remote jungle villages. Borewells are making a big difference. By drinking clean water from the borewells, their health is being improved by reducing sickness.
- A borewell helps to ease the tribal women's hard work of carrying water from streams, canals, and water holes. Without a local well, the villagers must carry a pot of water a mile or two on their heads, and it takes several trips to get enough water for cleaning, cooking, and drinking. Sometimes they slip and fall and get hurt.

- Borewells open doors for our Evangelists to go to the tribal villages to preach without fear.
- Hearts are open to hear the Gospel, which is transforming their lives.
- Borewells are helping the whole village to hear about Jesus and come to know Him as Lord and Savior. As a result, new churches are being established.

The cost to drill a borewell is \$2,000 but any amount will help. Please pray about this need. Your support will make a difference in an entire village.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR VIJAYA, AND MRS. PADHMA

Recently, one of HMI's staff members told me about a young man named Vijaya and asked us to pray for him. This young man and his brother were raised in our High Mill children's home. They were in the first group of children in the early 1980s. They came from a non-Christian family. After hearing about Jesus in the children's home, they both became Christians. They graduated from high school and learned some trades and started their own businesses. They got married and had children. They are successful in what they are doing.

Vijaya has been suffering from sickness since March of 2021. He went to the hospital, but the doctors couldn't find out what was wrong with him. Recently, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He is now bed-ridden and screams with pain day and night. Doctors gave no hope for him. When I heard about this, I asked my brother, Joseph, to go and check on him. I also asked Joseph to give a financial gift to Vijaya to help with his bills. Joseph went there and made a video call so that I could talk to Vijaya and pray for him. It was so sad to see him suffering.

Also, please pray for Mrs. Padhma. She has been fighting Covid for two weeks but doctors gave no hope for her. She is from a Hindu family. Please pray for their healing.

## HELP NEEDED FOR NURSING STUDENTS

As you may remember, we opened a college dorm in Chinturu a few years ago for tribal students who desire to attend college. These students are from very poor tribal families but have a desire to finish their studies and help bring a change to their families and to their communities.

Some of the students have finished a two-year intermediate course while staying in our college dorm. Now they want to continue their studies. Some of them want to go to Nursing School for three years and some for a four-year degree. The two girls on the left just started nursing school. It costs \$100 a month for each of them for their three or four-year course.



Utthar, in the orange dress, was also raised in our children's home in Mori. She finished high school, then went to the college dorm in Chinturu and attended college. She finished the two-year Intermediate course and was planning to go to nursing school. Then her parents wanted to arrange a wedding for her. We asked them to wait until she finished her nurses training before they arranged her wedding. They didn't follow our advice and married her to a man who is much older than she is. It has been three years since they were married. Recently, Utthar came to our staff at the college dorm and shared about their problems. She said that her husband has many physical problems and is not able to support her. Life is difficult and she doesn't know what to do. So, she asked us to help her to go to nursing school. Please pray about Utthar's need and the need of the other students.

Children in India have free education until 10th grade in their villages. If they want to go to college, they have to

leave their village and go to a town. Most of the parents can't afford to send their children to college. There are no jobs for them in the jungle villages except to do seasonal labor work. When there is no work, there is no income and no food to eat. In order to survive, they sometimes turn to rebel groups to pick up guns or work as carriers of drugs. They know it is illegal and dangerous, but they see no other way to survive. Many will join that trade and get caught by police and end up in jail. We have a burden to rescue them from drugs and alcohol and help them to go to college. Also, they have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. If God speaks to you, please help them.

*Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to Me.'"*

## UPDATE ON JESSE AND STACY BEERA



By the grace of God, our children, Jesse and Stacy, are doing well. We praise the Lord for watching over them. Thank you for your prayers for them.

Jesse is still actively involved with the ministry. He is in the second year of his three-year degree. He is preparing for his yearly exam in January 2022. Please pray for him.

Stacy has passed the NEET (National Eligibility Entrance Test) test to enter into medical school. Praise the Lord! Thank you for your prayers. She is qualified

to go to medical school, but she is not qualified to receive government funding because she is a Christian. I tried to discourage Stacy from going to medical school because of finances, but the more I tried to discourage her, the more she wanted to study. I told her, "Let's pray about this. If God provides, you can go to medical school."

She has been searching for a medical school and found one in the Philippines. Many Indian medical students study there. The fee is much less than in India. I believe it is about \$50,000 for five years of MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery) degree study. Then she would go for two more years for her Masters. Please pray for God's will in her life.

Stacy's education will not be funded through Hope Ministries. If you feel led to help Stacy, you may write and send a gift (check) made out to Jacob Beera to be used for Stacy's education. This will not be tax deductible.

We are very grateful for your prayers and financial support for the ministry. Together we are making a difference in India. You are in our prayers. Please continue to remember us and Hope Ministries in your prayers, too. May God richly bless you and keep you!

Yours for India,  
Jacob & Jaya Beera

## CHILDREN'S / EVANGELISTS' CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It's that time of year! Children in India (and adults, too) enjoy celebrating Christmas and giving/receiving gifts, just like we do here in America. We always give the children who live in our children's homes gifts of clothes (one set of top and bottom) and some school supplies for Christmas. We also have a special dinner and the children participate in a play about the birth of Jesus. If you would like to join in the Christmas celebration, you can send \$20 for each child who you would like to bless. Our staff will oversee the making of the clothes by local seamstresses.

If you would like to contribute to a fund to bless one of our Evangelists and his family, you can send in \$20 or any amount. Any gift will be appreciated.

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# 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 unreached and minister the love and compassion of Christ in India.

### Prayer and Support Opportunities in This Newsletter

Pray for / donate to Vijaya suffering with cancer	\$ _____
Children's support	[ ] \$20 per month
Evangelist support	[ ] \$35-50 per month
Where Needed	[ ] \$ _____
Christmas gift for child or Evangelist \$20	\$ _____
Nursing students	\$ _____
Borewell \$2,000	\$ _____

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