



Hope Ministries

Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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Dear Friends.

Jaya and I are grateful to be back in the U.S. after 5 months of ministry in India. By the grace of God, He kept us safe and healthy. We hope you are all well. Thank you so much for praying for us and Hope Ministries. Your financial support is greatly needed and deeply appreciated. Together we are reaching the unreached people of India.

Two years of Covid restrictions have been lifted in India. People are slowly returning to their lives as they were prior to Covid. Praise the Lord!

We didn't have that much summer in India. The rainy season started early. It has been raining since the beginning of May and is still raining. One after another, three floods came and destroyed many parts of India. Many people lost their crops, livelihoods, and homes.



Distributing Flood Relief

CHILDREN'S HOMES



During Covid, child welfare ordered us to send children from the children's homes back to their families. It was a difficult time for the children and their families. The children's homes and schools are now open, but only some of the children came back to the homes. We hoped that more children would come back. Because of government incentives, many children from the children's homes and students from the private schools have joined the public (government) schools. We are happy that they are receiving government help, but we are concerned for their spiritual welfare. We have our doors open for any children who want to come back to the children's homes.

Nursing Students: We have two young women (raised in our children's homes) who have been officially admitted into Nursing School and doing well. An additional young woman who had planned to attend had to drop out due to illness. The young women are staying in a hostel and attending classes in Rajahmundry. Thank you so much for helping them. Please keep them in your prayers.

Changed Lives: I was privileged to solemnize a wedding for two of our former children. At the wedding, some young men came and talked to me. They said they were raised in our children's home. When I asked them what they are doing now, some said that they had finished college degrees, some said they became engineers, and some said they are in businesses. Some are evangelists. Most of them said they attend church. It made us very happy to hear their stories. Praise the Lord!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



One day our daughter, Stacy, and some young women came to me and said that they wanted to talk with me about a VBS that they would like to organize. We prayed about it and, within a week, they had prepared a schedule and everything came into place. I told our son, Jesse, to help them. He called the youth group and explained the plan about VBS to them. Within a short time, they printed pamphlets and distributed them to the local churches and invited the children.

The first day of the VBS, it started to rain in the morning. We all prayed for God to stop the rain. God answered the prayers and there was no rain for the remaining two days. About 200 children attended from the surrounding villages. There were also some adults who attended. It was awesome to see what God did. Praise the Lord!

Stacy and her friends did an awesome job of teaching the children the word of God through dance, songs, mimes, quizzes, and games. The children were blessed and God was glorified. The whole church was filled with happy children rejoicing and praising God. At the end of the third day, the children asked us to continue for another day! Praise the Lord! What a blessing it was to see that the children were anxious to learn the word of God. On the last day of VBS, each child received a certificate and a gift. After closing VBS, most of the children went home and it started raining. What an awesome God we serve!

This was the first year that Stacy and her friends conducted VBS. Now they are being asked by various churches to come to their churches and conduct a VBS. Praise the Lord!

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

“REJOICE IN JESUS” (Christian Youth Rally)

The youth group from Hope Church at Mori arranged a rally and celebration of India’s Independence Day, August 15th. Our son, Jesse, organized this event for the second year. They blocked off the road and set up a stage on a bridge. Chairs were arranged for the people. They arranged lighting, a sound system, and a Christian band. They also invited guest speakers to share the Good News.

In the morning of the celebration day, all the youth walked through the streets, singing Gospel songs while distributing pamphlets about the evening celebration. More than 200 people gathered from the surrounding villages.

After singing and worship, before the guest speaker shared, it started to rain. We thought we may have to close the celebration. We prayed for God to stop the rain, and in a few minutes, the rain stopped and the preaching resumed. Praise the Lord! Many more people who were at homes from the surrounding villages heard the Gospel through the sound system. After the celebration they enjoyed watching a fireworks display. It was a grand celebration of Independence Day mixed with the Gospel message. Many people got to hear the Gospel message.



NEW BORE-WELLS

During our stay in India, we drilled eight bore wells in the remote jungle villages. Here are couple of stories...

One of HMI evangelists who went to a village to share the Gospel, saw some of the villagers carrying water a long way through hills. They asked the evangelist to help them drill a bore-well for them. Carrying water was very difficult and dangerous for them. Some even said they had slipped and fallen and broken bones when they carried water through the treacherous hills.

The evangelist told us about the need for a well for these people. When the evangelist saw that there was no road for a rig to go to that village, he told them we wanted to help them, but we couldn't because there was no proper road to bring the rig. The villagers were in desperate need for drinking water, so they said they would help build a makeshift road. They made a road on a mountainside, just barely wide enough for a rig to travel. If the vehicle slips, it will fall right into the valley into the water.

After talking to a few drivers, one agreed to come. He was brave enough to drive the rig to the village. Finally, the well was drilled and God blessed them with clean drinking water. The villagers were very grateful for the bore-well and expressed their thanks. Praise the Lord!

In order to dedicate the bore-well and to share the love of Jesus, we had to drive about five hours to get to that village. After driving a long way, we had to drive through woods and mud, and the newly--built access road on the mountainside. The road was very narrow on a cliff, and it was slippery. Praise the Lord, we made it safely. We were very happy to see the villagers who had gathered around the bore-well for the dedication.



A woman came to the dedication who was dressed in red sari and with a big red dot on her forehead. When she walked in, our evangelist told me that she was demon-possessed. He also said when he visited this village previously to share the Gospel, this lady started screaming and never stopped until he left. I was watching her as she stood there among the people. She was quiet and never talked to anybody.

After the dedication, I felt led to walk up to her and asked if it was ok to pray for her. She looked scared and didn't say a word. While I was praying for her, she whispered and said, "don't lay your hand on my head". After the prayer, she stood there motionless. We believe that she was set free. Please remember her in your prayers and also pray for the salvation of the villagers. Thank you all for your generous donations to drill bore-wells in remote jungle villages. God Bless You!

SECOND BORE-WELL DEDICATION



We traveled about seven hours to get to other villages where we had drilled two bore-wells. It was a rainy day. In order to get to the villages, we had to cross a river bed. By the time we arrived it was about 5:00 pm. There were villagers who had been waiting for us since morning. The creek was overflowing with raging water. They said it had started raining a couple of hours before and water came rushing and filled this creek.

There was only one kilometer to go, but there was no way to cross the

raging river. The villagers desperately wanted us to come and dedicate the wells, but we felt it was not safe. After waiting and talking to them for more than an hour, we decided it was not possible for us to cross the river. We asked our evangelist to Dedicate the bore-wells later.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVANGELISM



We were discouraged, because we couldn't dedicate the wells, but we were happy to meet the believers at the river. While we were talking to them, a group of young men shared with us about their faith in Jesus. They had been idol worshippers prior to accepting Jesus Christ. Now they have a burden to share their testimony and the word of God with those who are living in the surrounding villages. They asked us to pray and help them to do the work of the Lord. I was really touched by their faith in Jesus. Please pray for them and help them financially, if you feel led. God bless you!

Hope Ministries' evangelists are doing well and are happy to resume their services. They are also visiting people in the remote jungles to share the Good News. Unfortunately, we lost some of our evangelists with Covid. We were saddened to lose them, but we are rejoicing that they are in Heaven with Jesus. Please remember the families they left behind in your prayers.

UPDATE ON JESSE AND STACY BEERA



Where did the time go? It seems like yesterday and here they are, all grown up. Jesse is 22 years old and Stacy is 20.

Jesse: Jesse is in his final (third) year of his bachelor's degree. He is taking online classes. I think it works out well for him to stay at home and to get involved with the ministry. He is actively involved with the day-to-day activities of HMI. Since Joseph, my brother, is slowing down with some health issues, Jesse is stepping in and taking care of the work. Staying at home gives Jesse a great opportunity to attend church services where he takes care of sound and lighting for the church.

Jesse started a youth group in the church. Most of the young people in the church started attending the youth meeting on Sunday evenings. They are all learning to worship, read the scriptures, and pray. This youth meeting is giving them an opportunity to grow in the Lord and to get involved in serving in various church activities. Please pray for them and their education.

Stacy: Stacy has been working on the necessary paperwork to be admitted into medical school in Manila, Philippines. She is now officially admitted. She has been taking online classes for the past eight months. On the 26th of September she had an interview with the Philippines embassy for a Visa and it was granted. She will soon be traveling to Manila to study there for five years. Please remember her in your prayers for safety, good health, wisdom, knowledge, and memory power to retain everything she learns there.

At the present, Stacy is at home. She is very active with the ministry, as well. She teaches Sunday School for almost 30 children. She is very good with children. She is also leading worship in Hope Church at Mori. Praise the Lord!

We appreciate your prayers and support for Hope ministries. We remember you in our prayers. God bless you!

Yours for India,
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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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| Children's support | [] \$20 per month |
| Evangelist support | [] \$35-50 per month |
| Where Needed | [] \$ _____ |
| Nursing students | \$ _____ |
| Bore-well \$2,000 | \$ _____ |

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