



# Hope Ministries *Update*

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is the Messiah, the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*



*Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!*

## **THIS GOOD NEWS TO BE PREACHED TO THE WHOLE WORLD**

With the invention of the printing press, the Gospel began to spread faster than ever before. Then came radio, TV, and now the internet and YouTube, and the Gospel is spreading even faster to the four corners of the world.

It is very good news to all of us. But still there are many people in isolated villages in the remote jungles of India and many other parts of the world who have no electricity, no radios, not to mention no TVs and no communication with the rest of the world. It is very difficult to believe that there are still millions of people who have never heard the name Jesus. Many tribal villages are closed to the outside world and are very hostile to visitors. Many evangelists who go to remote jungle villages to share the Gospel face a lot of difficulties. They don't even know what might happen to them and if they will come home alive.

The word of God says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14 We are happy that the Gospel is spreading, but there is still a long way to go to cover the whole world. If every Christian who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior would take up his cross and follow Jesus' command to seek and save the lost, we will be able to reach the unreached.

Here at HMI, we have a burden to reach the lost. We have been preaching the Gospel by feeding and educating the poor and needy children and teaching them the word of God. Also, we are spreading the Gospel in the highways and byways by supporting native evangelists in India. We are encouraged to hear the field reports of souls coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

## CHANGING WATER INTO LIVING WATER!



Most of the HMI evangelists are preaching the Gospel in remote jungle villages. When they see the living conditions of the villagers, they share with us what they saw. We help the villagers by offering food, clothing, and other necessities. We hear that most of the tribal people have no clean drinking water. The women have to walk several miles in the morning and evening to a canal or a water hole. They carry two or three pots on their head to minimize the number of trips. Sometimes it is very dangerous when it rains. They slip and fall and get hurt.

When the villagers drink polluted water, they get sick with typhoid, malaria, and other diseases. Since there are no hospitals nearby, and no roads or vehicles, they put the sick in a sling and carry them with a bamboo stick. Some are carried

on their shoulders. Tragically, some of the sick die before they get to the hospitals. **You may help drill a Bore-well for \$2000.**

As God provides, we are drilling bore-wells to provide clean drinking water to people in remote jungle villages. Sometimes it is very difficult for a drilling rig to come to a village because there are no roads. The villagers have to make makeshift roads for a rig to come to their village. When the bore-wells are drilled, we invite all the villagers for a dedication. We dedicate the bore-well by singing a couple of songs, reading the Bible, praying, and sharing the love of Jesus. Afterwards, our evangelists are able to visit the villagers without fear of being attacked. They share the love of Jesus and pray for them and pray for any sick in the village.

**TESTIMONIES:** We are encouraged to hear some testimonies of the villagers where we have drilled bore-wells. They are grateful for clean drinking water which is helping them to keep healthy, and at the same time they rejoice in knowing the living God. Thank you so much for your generous donations to drill bore-wells.



**PERSECUTION:** Recently one of our evangelists sent me a couple videos of Christians being beaten by tribal extremists. It was very hard for me to watch them being beaten by a mob. It is happening in many parts of India. Some of our evangelists and believers are also going through some sort of persecution.

Last year, an evangelist was beaten and thrown into the bushes, thinking he was dead. A traveler saw him and brought him out of the bushes. When



the church prayed for this man, God touched and restored his life. He is now back in the streets preaching the Gospel to the tribal people. Praise the Lord! I met this pastor and talked with him where we drilled a bore-well. He is now working with Hope Ministries. Please remember to pray for the persecuted church around the world. Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. Matthew 24:7-9.

## FASTING PRAYERS AT HOPE CHURCHES IN INDIA



Recently, our churches at Sitarampuram and Mori conducted two days of fasting prayers. Guest speakers were invited to share the Gospel. The believers were very happy and strengthened spiritually. Also, they spent time in worshipping God, and praying for the persecuted church around the world, and believers and American friends.

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” Joel 2:12-13

### YOUTH PICNIC:

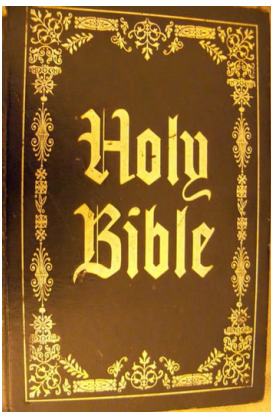
At Hope Church in Mori, our son, Jesse, started working with the young people in the church. Recently, they arranged a picnic on the beach at the Bay of Bengal. They invited local young people to join them for a day of fun. They all played games and enjoyed fellowship at the beach. They were served a delicious lunch. One of our pastors shared the Gospel and led them in worship and praise. Please pray for the young people for their education. Also pray for them to dedicate their lives to Jesus and live for Him.



### BIBLES NEEDED FOR DISTRIBUTION:

We think it would be a nice gift to donate a Bible to each family in the villages where we drill a bore-well. Most of the adults can't read, but their children are attending schools and can read. Also, some of HMI evangelists and church members would like to replace their worn-out Bibles. Also, the children who attend Sunday School and the young people who attend our youth meetings would appreciate a Bible of their own. God can speak to those who read the Bible.

You may help us buy Bibles to distribute. **Each Full Bible (Telugu Language) may cost from \$10. Your gift will change lives.**



### BICYCLES NEEDED FOR NEW EVANGELISTS

Hope Ministries has 12 new evangelists who are working in the jungle areas. Praise the Lord! They have long distances to walk, so we would like to provide bicycles for them so that it will be easier for them to minister to the villagers in their areas. They will be so grateful for this tool. We can buy bicycles from local shops for \$125 each. If you would like to be part of the project to provide bikes to these new HMI evangelists, please let us know by marking the check box on the last page of this newsletter. God bless you as you bless them!





## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE CHILDREN

Christmas is coming! We would like to provide a special Christmas dinner and gifts to the children who are in our children's homes. We currently have about 120 children currently to provide for. Traditionally, we give each child a set of clothes and some school supplies. If you would like to participate in this Christmas project, please let us know. There is a check box on the back of this newsletter. You can make one or more child's Christmas happier with a donation of \$20 or more per child.

## UPDATE ON JESSE AND STACY BEERA



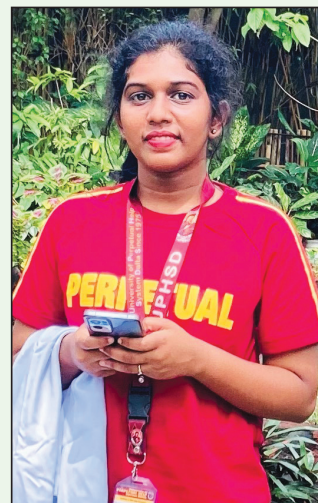
**Jesse:** is getting ready to write his final Bachelor's exam, starting on December 29. Please pray for him, as this is a very important test. He has to travel to Vizag, about 200 miles away, to take this week-long test. After he graduates, he will have a little time before beginning his Master's degree in Business Administration. He'll be living in Vizag for the two-year program.

For the time being, he is very busy with school and helping in many aspects of the ministry – youth group, keeping the books, driving for supplies, traveling on errands, bore-well trips, playing drums at church, and running the sound and lighting... among other duties in the ministry. He is a busy and dedicated young man.



We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support for children, Evangelists, Bore-wells and general donations. Without your support we could not have done what we are doing in India. All of our staff, children and evangelists, Jaya and I remember all of you in our prays for your safety, good health and God's blessings. Once again, Thank You! Please continue to remember all of us in your prayers. May God bless you and your family! We wish you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

**Stacy:** is now settled in at medical college in Manila, Philippines, where she is enrolled in a five-year medical program geared toward becoming a cardiologist. After Christmas break, she will be going to classes half a day and spending half a day at the hospital. When she completes her five-year degree, she will need to do an additional program/internship, either in India or here in the US.



She has found a church that she really likes near her dorm and takes five or six of her Hindu friends with her to church. They always look forward to Sundays!

Yours for India,  
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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

Children's support	[ ]	\$20 per month
Evangelist support	[ ]	\$35-50 per month
Bicycles	[ ]	\$125 Each
Bibles	[ ]	\$10 Each
Christmas gifts	[ ] \$20 per child	[ ] \$30 per Evangelist
Where Needed		\$ _____
Nursing students		\$ _____
Bore-well \$2,000		\$ _____

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