



Hope Ministries Update

Bringing the Hope of Jesus to India Since 1979

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UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS IN MORI, INDIA

Dear Friends,

We are planning to hold three days of Gospel meetings in Mori during the last week of April, 2024. Because of summer time, we are planning Gospel meetings during nights only. Several thousand people may be attending from the surrounding villages. Many tribal people will be attending from the jungle areas as well. There will be praise and worship and proclamation of the good news.

We will hold Bible classes during the day in Hope church for HMI Evangelists and pastors. Other pastors and evangelists will attend also. Those who come from tribal villages stay with us all three days, so we have to cook and feed them lunch and dinner. On the last day, we will baptize the new believers.

During our stay in India, we will be traveling to the jungle villages to share the good news of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard the Gospel. Also, we will attend Hope churches to encourage the believers and pray for them. Matthew 24:14 *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.*

Please pray for a great harvest of souls that many people will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Also, many will be touched by the power of God and be saved and baptized. Please remember to pray for God's anointing and safety from the Hindu extremists who want to harm Christians.



BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

Recently, we bought and distributed about 50 Telugu (language) Bibles to those who were in need. They were very happy and thankful for their gift of a full Bible of their own. We know that it will give them joy in reading and learning about the true God. Thank you so much for your donation and may God richly bless you for your wonderful gift of Bibles.



Psalms 119:105-107(MSG) By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!



The children in our children's homes were very happy to receive their Christmas gifts - a new set of clothes, school supplies, and a special Christmas dinner in all of our children's homes. They are grateful and expressed their love and thanks to all of you for your prayers and support. Proverbs 19:17 *"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."*

Our staff celebrated Christmas at our children's homes and churches. Many people gathered to celebrate with our children and staff. The gospel was spread through Christmas celebrations and Christmas plays that the children put on. Glory to God in the highest!

NURSING STUDENTS

Emima and Chandrika are in their second year of nursing classes. They are studying well and getting ready to write their second-year final exam. It is a four-year course. For a while, they had a difficult time adjusting to the food in the college dining hall, but they seem to be doing better. They are very grateful for your prayers and financial help. Please continue to remember them in your prayers for their studies and good health. Once they finish this course, they will have a good life working as nurses helping the suffering.

We want to thank you for your prayers and support for these nursing students. Any help would enable them to finish their next two years.

Emima (on the left) came to our children's home when she was in her first grade.



Stacy's News from The Philippines



In our last newsletter, I wrote a small article about our daughter, Stacy, including how God has opened doors and provided funds for her to study medicine in The Philippines. By God's grace, she is studying well. She is now in her second year of the four-year course.

Stacy attends a Christian church close to her dorm with a few of her Hindu friends. She is involved in singing in the choir, and also teaches Sunday school. She has started a prayer group for college students. Every Saturday evening about 20 medical students attend the fellowship.

Every day, she walks about a half kilometer from her dorm to college. Along her route, she passes Philippine children in a slum area. Almost every day, she is approached by children asking for food. She said how difficult it is for her to see these children saying they are hungry and asking for food. It makes her very sad.

Sometimes she gives them whatever she is eating or drinking. Sometimes she buys some bread and gives it to them. She also said it is very hard to see them eating food from garbage cans.

I saw a video on YouTube showing how people in the Philippines collect food thrown away by restaurants and scrape the meat from the bones, then wash it and fry it in batter to sell. Those who buy it know that they are eating meat that was collected from dumps, but they said they have no other choice. At least they can buy some meat they can afford, they said. I felt so sad about what I saw on YouTube and what I heard from Stacy.

When I asked Stacy, "What do you think we should do?" she said that she talked to the pastor in the church about this situation. The pastor told her that people are in dire need of food in Philippines and it would be a great blessing if we could give these people some food.

We are praying for this situation and we ask you to join us in prayer for the suffering in Philippines. We like to feed the street children and distribute Bibles. If you are led, you may send a gift to help them.

Please pray for Stacy and the other medical students for their studies and their spiritual walk with the Lord!



UPDATE ON JESSE BEERA

Jesse has finished his Bachelor’s degree. He is waiting for his certificates to go for his Master’s. He is currently involved with Hope Ministries’ day-to-day activities, such as maintaining the children’s homes and keeping books. He runs the sound system and orchestra in the church. Also, he is a driver for church activities and a go-getter. Please remember him in your prayers for good health, safety and confirmation of his calling to the ministry.

BELIEVERS PRAYING IN HOPE CHURCH

(One of the prayer meetings in Hope Church, Mori)

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. 2nd Chronicles 7:14

Things seems to be getting more difficult for Christians in India. You may have read in our previous newsletters about the persecution of Christians in Manipur in, Northeast India. Persecution began to ramp up in May of 2023. Hundreds of Christians (converted Jews) were killed, and hundreds of churches were burned. Persecution continues today, with little attention from the state and central government. The Internet was cut off so that the situation wouldn’t be known to the world.



Recently, there was a Hindu temple built for The Hindu god Rama in a city called Ayodhya in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Since the temple dedicated in January, 2024, extremism has been more widespread and violent. Hindu extremist groups have risen up like a flood to attack Christians with beatings, killings, and church burning. You can even hear slogans such as, “India is for Hindus. Christians and Muslims get out.”

In a state called Assam, efforts are underway to pass laws banning Christian prayer, healings, and certain clothing styles/ colors (white) for Christians. Persecution has increased in our own state of Andhra Pradesh. Christians are attacked in the streets while sharing the Gospel. There have been attacks of Christians who were having praise and worship in their own homes. Churches have been attacked, people have been beaten with rods, sticks, and stones. Many Christians have been hurt seriously and are being treated in the hospitals. Please continue to remember Christians in India, HMI evangelists, families, and their ministries in your prayers. Also pray for the persecutors (hindu extremist groups) so they will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

INDIAN DINNER FOR MEDICAL CLINIC

You may have read in our last newsletter about the Indian dinner on the 13th of January, 2024, at Suffield Fellowship in Suffield, OH.

We cooked hot and mild chicken curry, vegetables, potato and peas curry, coconut rice, and Indian flat-bread. I believe that everybody enjoyed the food and fellowship with friends they hadn’t seen for a long time. We are grateful for all who came.

We want to thank Pastor Jim Shuman and the believers of Suffield Fellowship for allowing us to use their church facilities. We also thank them for their help with setting up tables, cooking and cleaning.

About 110 people attended and generously contributed \$25,000 towards building a medical clinic in the tribal area. This clinic would be a great blessing to those who are living in the remote jungles.

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We are hoping to start the groundwork when we go to India. It may take a year to complete. Some doctors in India said they would volunteer their time to set up clinics to treat the less fortunate. Also, there may be some doctors from the United States who would participate. As we make progress with the clinic, we may hire a doctor and a few nurses on staff to run the clinic. Please pray about this project and if God leads you to partner with us, you may help us in prayer and with finances. God bless you!



REMEMBERING TODD MILLER

On March 4th, Todd Miller passed suddenly and unexpectedly. Todd had been a longstanding contributor to Hope Ministries with more than 30 years of service. He was the ministry's Treasurer, a longstanding board member, a great helper with our records and computers and a close personal friend. As part of his service to the ministry, he had also visited India with a medical team and helped with the medical clinic. He was an encouragement to the children and evangelists during his trip.

We were very saddened to hear that Todd passed. We miss him, but we rejoice knowing that he is with Jesus. Please pray for the family that he left behind - his mother, brothers, sister and their families for God's comfort and peace.



UPCOMING TRIP TO INDIA

Jaya and I will be leaving for India on March 26, 2024. We will be arriving the day before Good Friday. We are excited to celebrate Good Friday and Easter with our family and church members. We will see our son, Jesse, but not our daughter, Stacy. She won't be coming home until December, 2024, from The Philippines.

Please remember us in prayer as we travel and minister in India. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. May God bless you and keep you is our prayer!

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

Children's support	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 per month
Evangelist support	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35-50 per month
Bibles	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10 Each
Gospel Meetings (\$10,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Clinic Building	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Where Needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Nursing students	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Bore-well \$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

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