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Staying in Touch

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord! This month's prayer letter both highlights and takes you inside the day to day ministry in India. For the last 40 years, the government has kicked out all foreign missionaries and continues to be very vocal against Christianity and militant in many areas, ours included. Fewer men and women are surrendering to missions here in the USA but by the grace of



God's omniscience, they are being replaced by nationals, 10,000-fold in India!

India is now I.3 billion, nearly 4 times larger than our population and they live in I/3 the land mass of the USA. Where our ministry is based, there are several million people and growing every day. Forty percent of the population is 25 and under, and they are very open to the Gospel. The GHIndia team are in the fields day and night bringing the Good News to them.

Along with our Bible College with 61 students and our orphanage with 35 wonderful boys and girls, we are making a difference in the community; but our main thrust is and always be the outreach ministry to win people to Christ! So, here are some stories for you to read and hopefully bring you to a place of supporting GHI! We are the genuine article!

Here's Sam's report from just a few days ago with our pastor's names and the village names blocked out!

The Lord Jesus had a threefold ministry, it was to heal, teach and preach. The Lord in his grace has given the same opportunity for our pastors and missionaries.

Healing Ministry...

There are many people with health issues, and we continue to seek the Lord for their healing. At Sri____ village, Pastor T____ visited a family of a husband, wife and daughter. The wife, Chitra was unwell and had high fever. After the Gospel was shared, a prayer of faith was offered for Chitra. After a couple of days, the daughter called the Pastor and told him that the Lord had healed her mom.

We don't want people's faith to be grounded on miracles, but their faith to be grounded in the truth of the Gospel.

Pastor S	is thankful to God	d for healing	sister Vasar	tha and	Krishnama's	grand-
child in N	Pastor B	_is thankful	to God for	healing	Shanthi who	had a
gynecological ill	ness. What the do	ctors could n	ot do, the L	ord did.	Praise be to	Him!

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Many of those who have received healing, have been convinced that Jesus is the K, Manjula was childless for several years. Pastor R prayed for healing. From that time onward, she has become a bold witness for the Lord Jesus Childless for	er and God gave her
Even though we pray for the sick, we are convinced that this is not the G is the death, burial, resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We don't want per grounded on miracles, but their faith to be grounded in the truth of the G	eople's faith to be
Preaching Ministry	
Pastor J has been ministering in P village. The Lord enabled him to Laxmi, from a Hindu background. The Lord opened her heart to the Gospel. She r has begun to read it. Now and then she calls the pastor for some clarification regard the Bible.	requested a Bible and
Pastor D was ministering in a high caste unreached people group, he was able to the entire family. By the grace of God, all of them trusted Christ and conveyed attending the church this coming week. Pastor S is thankful to God for D in P	d that they would be
Pastor R was sharing the Gospel to a Hindu man in C As he was convicted and removed the Hindu garland on his neck immediately. He trusted of God.	
Church Planting Ministry	
By the grace of God, in the past few months, God used Pastor R to pla C Even though, there was opposition a couple of weeks back, the church He was also blessed to plant a house church as a result of evangelism in K	h continues to grow.
time a worship gathering has been planted in this village. We are also happy to report that Pastor S, with the help of college students, has been able to plant a house church in E	
Teaching Ministry	677 See See 20
The Lord has been gracious in equipping his servants through the teaching ministry of Harvesters Theological College. Sister Getzy, a	

graduate and staff member of the college, was

recently sharing the Gospel to a well-read man. This

gentleman had a good knowledge about many

religions. He had several questions and by the grace

Open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest.

John 4:35b

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of God, she was able to answer all his questions as the Lord opened his heart to accept the Gospel message.

He makes all things new....

Meena and Latha (names changed for privacy) were sexually abused by their stepdad. The government authorities rescued the girls and placed them in a temporary shelter along with juvenile delinquent children in Thiruvallur. Their stepdad and the mother were arrested and imprisoned. These girls have two more sisters, one stayed with them in the shelter home, while the other was with their parents.

At this facility, there was a Christian social worker who shared the love of Jesus Christ. The younger girl, Latha could not accept that God loved her because of what she went through. But Meena, although a bit skeptic, began to pray to God to grant them a good home (orphanage).





God answered her prayers after 18 days, when the government officials requested the Father's Home Orphanage to care for them. We opened our hands and our hearts to welcome them in. (The picture to the left was taken several months later.)

At the campus, they experienced the love of God, heard the preaching of the Gospel in the church as well as in their daily devotions in the dorm. God began to open their eyes to see His love. By the grace of God, both the girls trusted Christ.

A couple of weeks back, both the girls came up to me and requested me to baptize them. We were so excited and prepared them for baptism.

Just before, I baptized them, I requested them to share their testimony. These were their words, "Even though we heard about Jesus in the shelter home, we did not believe it. But

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after we came here (Father's Home Orphanage) we experienced the love of Appa (Sam) and Amma (Fay). We heard the Gospel preached in the church and with the prayer and encouragement of sister (Amulu), we have placed our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ".

It was an absolute joy to see tears of joy running down their faces as they publicly proclaimed their faith. We shouted Hallelujah and baptized them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

It was a celebratory time, there is a joy in heaven as well as on earth. As part of the celebration, Fay prepared some tasty chicken Biryani for the entire campus community. Please pray for both girls to grow in the Lord.

As we pray, we appreciate...

Your prayers for the 61 **Harvesters Theological College & Seminary** students for this academic year as well as existing students and faculty.

Your prayers for the 35 children in the **Father's Home Orphanage**. We will be admitting several full orphaned children this academic year.

Your prayers for the children in the Father's Home Orphanage who are pursuing their college degree outside our campus. We need more funds for their education.

Your prayers for the 160+ churches for strength and growth. Your prayers that many would come to know our Savior and trust in Him.

Your prayers as we face stiff opposition in some places. Though many know that their Hindu gods are not god, they still hold on to it because of family and social pressure.

Your prayers for boldness even though the present Indian government policies are not conducive for evangelism and mission.

Your prayers for Sam's PhD work. His deadline is on March 8th, 2020.

Answered prayer and thanksgiving for...

- 1) Those who gave the \$1,500 needed for completing the furnishing of the apartments
- 2) Three of our orphan girls being baptized;
- 3) For the three new church plants and the nurturing of those new believers

With joy and thanksgiving we praise our great God. It is a joy to serve him each day!

Every blessing to you all, Sam, Faye, Mack and Dottie