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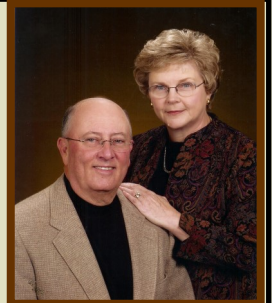
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Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord God! As the Apostle John said of our Lord in John 21:25, ***And there were many other things that Jesus did...***, it could also be said of what has transpired in July on our Indian campus. God has been very good to us and for us in these days. We trust you are all doing well by His grace and mercy. Thank you for valuing the missionary endeavor that could only be happening through national indigenous workers! We need many more like you! Bless you all...

Mack and Dottie



Evangelism – Interaction with an Islamic cleric

By the grace of God, all our missionaries are taking the Gospel every day to people where they are. Many are trusting Christ with tears in their eyes. Though there is some opposition, yet many are willing to hear the Gospel.



Last week, I (Sam) was led to minister in an



Islamic village and after reaching the village, I interacted with some small boys who were playing, none of them had been to church or knew about Jesus and as I was talking people began to look on, so I moved away from the boys and was looking for an opportunity to share the Gospel to some adults. It was then I saw the local mosque and noticed someone people inside it. I was keen to enter the mosque, so I asked Samson (one of our missionaries) if he could accompany me. He was bold enough and we went into the Mosque. The Iman (Islamic clergy) was startled to see us. I asked him if I

could sit on the verandah and talk to him. Although, a bit hesitant, he agreed to my request and we began to interact. He had been trained in Quranic studies for 6 years and has memorized the Quran in Arabic.



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By the grace of God, I was able to share the Gospel of how God became a man. I talked about our sin problem, God's solution and faith to receive a new clean heart, pointing out the historical face of the resurrection; ultimately how to be born again. We also shared some personal testimonies that demonstrated that Jesus was indeed alive. The Iman shared his confidence in the Quran and the power of Quranic recitation. I asked him if he would take me as his friend, he did, and we exchanged phone numbers.

After frequent phone calls, he came to our home to visit me. He asked me questions about the Bible, and I asked if I could gift him a Bible. I was glad that he accepted my request. Later, he called and asked me to PRAY for him. I was very surprised by his request. Please pray that I would continue to love him and yet be firm in communicating the Gospel to him in love.

Father's Home Orphanage – Rescuing a child bride

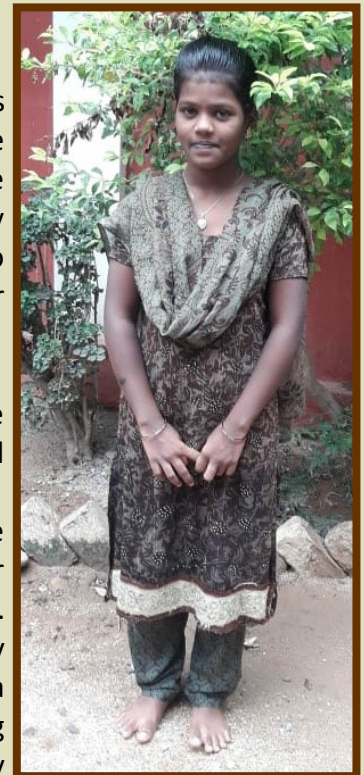
By the grace of God, the Father's Home continues to mirror the Father's home in heaven, off course in a very small way! This academic year we welcomed a girl who was sexually abused by her stepdad; a girl whose father deserted her; a girl whose mother committed suicide; and a boy whose mom is mentally very unstable to care for him. We are thankful to God and to you for the care these precious ones are receiving. Your investment in their life cannot be matched or measured.

This past week was rather emotional and traumatic. Since, June 2015, we have been taking care of 3 of his 4 children, whose mother had committed suicide and whose father was a mentally unstable person. This "father" came to our campus along with his new wife to visit his kids. We were startled to note that his wife was underage. When we made further

enquiries, we found that she was only 13-years old. She was given off for adoption (not legally) as a baby to an older couple, who in turn married her off to a 36-year-old mentally unstable drunkard. During counseling, we learnt that the child was tortured by her adopted older parents and marriage was the only escape available. The child was promised schooling, new dresses, jewels etc.

The child's vulnerability, poverty and helplessness were exploited. The child's mother in law argued that her son needed someone to wash his clothes and cook for him. We took the bold step to rescue this child despite the threats. We alerted the government and the police authorities who in turn gave us the permission to offer shelter to the child.

A couple of days back, in a fit of rage, anger and disappointed, the child's husband took the extreme step and committed suicide. We were heartbroken that he left 4 kids as full orphans. Meanwhile, we are getting threats from the relatives that we were the cause of his death. The government and the police officials are supporting us, but we always welcome your prayers.



Through it all, the child is very happy here. She has no emotional attachment to the deceased man. She wants to go to school and embrace a normal life and moreover she wants to be an activist to stop child marriage in India. Even though, she is not a Christian (yet), she says that it was the Lord Jesus who helped her. Please continue to pray as we counsel and take care of her.

Another praise to our God, one of our former orphans, Priyadarshini, went off to college and got her catering degree and asked us to come on staff. We gladly welcomed her back!

Harvesters Theological College –36 new enrollments

By the grace of God, we have begun the 2019 academic year with 54 students total. God has graciously entrusted us with 15 new residential students and 21 extension students to be trained for the gospel ministry. We had a great welcome party and orientation for the new students, along with those already with us.

Last week we had the election for the student body, and it was a joy to see them taking responsibilities in leadership. The students are enjoying their chapel, classes, games, mentor groups, music class, tailoring class and evangelism ministry on the weekends. Please do lift them up in your prayers.



Please continue to pray for all our graduates who are serving the Lord in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and



**Pray
without ceasing!**

I Thessalonians 5:17

Karnataka. This morning we met the mother of one of our graduates. She thanked us for training their daughter to be a bold minister. She also thanked us for instilling zeal for evangelism. Praise to God. All this was possible because you invested in the Kingdom of God through your prayers and giving.

ALSO, through your sacrificial giving we were able to construct two apartments for our faculty. **We are still in need of some funds (\$1500) for furnishings.** You have already given much, and we are very grateful to God for it. At present, we have 6 full-time residential and one part-time teaching faculty. We are very pleased with their godly lifestyle, evangelical convictions, mission mindedness, servant attitude and seriousness in ministering to the students.



Campus Maintenance

During our busy two-month break, we were also able to have a great deal of plumbing repairs done; as well as tiling the staircase and the corridor of the academic block of the college. We were also able to make partitions for some of our larger classrooms to have 5 classrooms minimum, per the requirements of Asian Theological Association (our Accreditation Body).



Prayer Requests

EMERGENCY - Many towns and cities in our state and especially our campus is facing severe drought conditions. Schools, restaurants and hotels are closing because there is no water. Water trucks bring water to be rationed to the public but it's never enough. **We are approaching a desperate situation unless our God sends rain. Our campus well is taking 12 hours to fill our tank! Pray for rain!**



Please join us in praying for protection for us as we share the Gospel daily; our government is growing more militant daily, but God has promised He would always be with us!

Please pray for 35 children in the Father's Home Orphanage; the **54 students** at Harvesters Theological College & Seminary; the **160+** churches to continue to grow and reach out; for our pastors, evangelists, faculty, staff and their families, totaling approximately **140+**.

Please pray for all our campus needs to be met, beyond our normal budget; for the strength and discernment of our leadership team. All of us in India thank you very much for your love, prayers and support.

With much love....*Sam & Fay*