



Hope Ministries Update

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Many children in India experience starvation, despair and hopelessness at a very young age. Most of them have no opportunity to attend a school. Some end up in the streets begging or stealing to survive. Some may become child laborers in a factory or caretakers of buffalos for the



rich. These children may come from families where their fathers are alcoholics or their mothers or fathers have died from sickness or disease. Many of them are orphans.

Somebody found the little girl pictured above sleeping on the road side and brought her to our children's home in Eluru. Later, we heard that she was begging in the streets for food. She didn't know what happened to her parents or where they were. Now she is living in our home and being taken care of and attending a

Jesus Loves me!

school. Praise the Lord for His love and kindness for this little one.

God has given us an opportunity to take many children like her into our homes and raise them up. Most of these children come with bad health, no discipline and no fear of God. After staying a while in our children's homes, they are nurtured back to health and taught the word of God. They learn to read the Bible, memorize scriptures and learn to pray. In a short period of time, they will be the most disciplined kids you'd ever see. By the time they leave the children's home, most of them accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

When some parents come to visit their children, our staff shares the Gospel and invites them to attend church. As a result, parents are also coming to know Jesus as Lord and from there the Good News continues to go out.

In our 6 children's homes, we support over 350 children. We provide them

with food, clothing and education. We have seen many children's lives being changed and transformed by the power of God. We are grateful to all of you who sponsor these children and make a difference in their lives. "Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Good habits lasts a life time!



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Every year at Christmas time, we buy new clothes and other necessary things for our children. They look forward to this time of the year to receive their gifts. We ask each sponsor for \$10 or \$15 to buy Christmas gifts for their children. Even if you are not sponsoring a child, you may send a gift for one of the children who doesn't have a sponsor. Please send your gift early so that we can buy material and have the tailors stitch clothing for them. It is hard to imagine how happy and joyful these kids will be when they receive their gifts. Thank you for sharing your love with these little children. God Bless You!

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Cyclone Devastates Orissa, India



Cyclone affected area



KILLER CYCLONE

At the writing of this newsletter the figures are still coming in. A "Super Cyclone" hit the coast of India less than 200 miles north of our children's home in Vizag. The meteorologists that classified the storm as a "Super Cyclone." said that this is one of the strongest in the region this century. Twenty million people are affected by the storm.

The storm had winds up to 188 miles per hour which pounded the area for 8 hours. Tidal waves as high as 30-40 feet covered the entire low land areas. Millions are still displaced and over 7.5 million are still stranded by the flooding. One India news service estimated the loss of lives to be greater than 10,000.

In the capital city of Bhubaneswar 200,000 people (nearly one of every six residents) lost their homes. Entire slums were washed away. Human bodies and animal carcasses floated on a huge expanse of water in the port of Paradwip 50 miles east of Bhubaneswar.

After 3 days without food, shelter or



Boy eating uncooked rice fell from a relief truck

clean drinking water, hungry people besieged any car that passed, demanding food or money. They were looting semi-trucks that were carrying food.

Those who survived the killer cyclone are dying of starvation. Because of rotting bodies and carcasses of thousands of animals, there is a fear of an outbreak of cholera. The disaster covers a wide area, making relief efforts very difficult.

If you would like to do something special to help during this disaster, know that your gifts are much needed and appreciated. This truly is a matter of life and death.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:34-40. we should feed, give drink, and clothe these people. We are to reach out to people in need and care for them as the Lord has so graciously cared for us!

OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW GRACE

We believe it is a great opportunity



for us to show the love of Jesus Christ to the same group of people who killed Australian missionaries and many other christians in Orissa earlier this year. They need to see the love of God in order to turn to Jesus.

During the first quarter of this next year, Jacob and Jaya, Arlene and I will be going to India with a team of American ministers to serve with Hope Ministries to spread the Good News of God's great grace. We will be spending time in this storm-ravaged area desiring to start a new children's home in this location.



We covet your prayers and financial support to help these people.

God Bless You!
Brett & Arlene

Outreach to the Koya Tribe

The Koya tribe is one of the unreached people groups of India. They live in the forests, plains, and valleys on both sides of the Godavari River, which lies in central Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. Many also live in the states of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

The Koya usually live in villages. Occasionally, they can be found in villages mixed with other tribal and non-tribal peoples. They speak Telugu and Hindi along with their Koya language. They have their own ethnic religions and also worship Hindu gods. They are heavily into witchcraft.

There are some Koya tribes living around our villages in Andhra Pradesh. Koya women in our area



wear saris which they wrap around their waist and their upper body. They don't wear the top like the rest of the Indian women. (some are now changing their dress code to be like other women.) The men usually are

wrapped in a loin cloth and generally wear a red turban.

Some of them build houses of mud with a thatched-roof. Some of them are nomadic. They carry their home made tents which are made out of Bambo and covered with mats of woven palm leaves. Most of them raise pigs and sell bacon. Also they raise dogs for hunting purposes.

The Koya women usually go from house to house and beg. They carry a woven basket made out of bamboo or palm leaves and hang it from their shoulder or carry it on their heads. They also carry herbs and roots and sell them to be used for medicinal purposes.

We have been working with these Koya people for several years in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Slowly we are beginning to see them coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Now, we have some Koya believers in our churches. Here is a testimony of one of the evangelists from the Koya tribe that now works with Hope Ministries.

Testimony of Jeremiah Vasam

"I was born into a Koya family in a village called Angampalligudem in the district of Bastar which is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh. My former name was Nagayya. Our family worshipped many Goddesses. We were heavily into witchcraft. We used to offer animal sacrifices such as chickens, goats and cows to our goddesses.

One day when we didn't have any animals to sacrifice, the demons began to harass my brother who was already ill. We took him to our Hindu temples and prayed for his healing, but there was no relief. We exhausted all of our options and left him to die.

One day an evangelist came to our

village to preach the Gospel. He came to our house to tell us about Jesus. He saw my brother who was sick and laying on the bed; he asked if it was OK to pray for him. He stayed at our house and began to pray for my brother. After four days of praying, the demons left my brother and he became normal. His countenance was changed immediately.



After we saw the power of Jesus Christ, my parents, my brother and I accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. The news quickly spread to our entire village. All of the villagers were very angry and isolated us from the rest of the village because of our faith. We faced many difficulties for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Later, God called me to preach the Gospel. After that, I received some Bible training, and now I am preaching to our own tribe and to the neighboring villagers. Today over 20 Koyas accepted Jesus Christ and attend our Church services. There are still many Koyas that need to hear the Gospel." *Please pray for God to raise up more evangelists like Jeremiah.* **You can sponsor and send an Evangelist for \$25. a month.**



funds towards this project. We want to start a children's home and church in this area. We also would like to start a school and medical clinic to care for the tribal people.

We will take some relief funds and supplies to the cyclone victims.. *If you want to help us help the cyclone victims, please send your gift to Hope Ministries. They really need our prayers and support.*

what is taking place in India. Freedom of religion is challenged daily and sharing the gospel is getting to be more difficult.

In spite of these challenges, many Evangelists are putting their lives on the line to proclaim the Gospel. They are in need of our prayers and financial support. If we ever want to reach out to the unreached people groups of India, now is the time, the doors are still open, but for how long, we don't know.

Jaya and I will be leaving for India on the 13th of January with a team of American friends. We will be visiting our children's homes and churches. Also we will be conducting crusades and Gospel meetings to share the Gospel.

On this trip, we would like to finish looking for land to start a children's home in the State of Orissa where the recent cyclone devastated millions of lives. God has already provided some

Persecution Continues in India

The persecution seems to be getting worse from the Hindu radical groups. Many Christians are killed, their houses and Bibles are burned. Their faith is being tested by trials and persecution. A priest was killed and catholic nuns were disrobed and forced to walk in the streets and humiliated. This is just a glimpse of

We wish you all Happy Thanksgiving!
May God Bless You!!



Your's for India,

Jacob & Jaya Beera

Progress on our High School building construction

As I am writing this newsletter, our building workers are pouring concrete for the ceiling of the first floor of our school building. They are one step ahead of the photo on the right. We thank all of you for your prayers and financial support towards this building. We are building as the finances are coming in. God is faithful! Please continue to pray for us and the ministry. We are still in need of your help.



Children in Children's Home
 I want to sponsor ___ child(ren)
 \$15.00 per month \$180.00 for a year
Evangelist(s) _____
 \$25.00 per month \$300.00 for a year
 \$25.00 for a lantern
 \$100.00 for a bicycle
 \$_____ School building
 \$_____ Cyclone victims
 \$_____ Where needed
 Please send more information
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
All gifts are tax-deductible

Yes, I will support...



...A Children's Home
 For \$15 per month, you can sponsor a child in one of our children's homes. We will send you a photograph of the children that are being fed, clothed, sheltered and educated in one of our children's homes. We will also supply information about an individual child at your request.

...An Evangelist
 For \$25 per month, you can sponsor an evangelist to reach the lost. We'll send you a photo and testimony. So many are willing to go, but they need your help to be sent.



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