

A NEW SCHOOL IN THE JUNGLE, GOPAVARAM

Gopavaram is one of the tribal villages in which we started the “New Testament Children’s Home” in 1987. Since then, hundreds of tribal children have grown up here. Unfortunately, there is no school in this area beyond the 5th grade. Though most of them wanted to stay in the home, they had to leave in order to attend school elsewhere. We were sad to see them leave and disappointed that we were no longer able to educate them in the Christian way. However, for the last couple of years, we were able to move about 20 children who didn’t want to leave us after 5th grade, to Hope children’s Home in Mori.

So now we are very excited that this July, after praying for years, God has opened the doors for us to start our very own school on the Gopavaram Campus. This school is for early kindergarten through 10th grade! At present, four



teachers are working in our school and 55 children are living in our children’s home and attending this school. This is an opportunity to give them a better education raising them in a Christian atmosphere.

Though presently, we are using the existing building to run the school, if God is willing, we would like to construct a separate building there in the future. We know that students from surrounding villages would come and join this school to continue their education. This will give us greater opportunities to share the love of Jesus with them as well. Please pray for the needed funds to pay the teachers and also other expenses.

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AT MORI

As you may know this past September, we broke ground for a new church building in Mori. During our recent stay in India, I was able to spend some time working on

share in this blessing.

One day when I was working at the construction site, a truck (‘lorry’) came with steel rods. While backing up, it got stuck,



this church building. By the time we left in July, the concrete roof was finished. There is still a long way to go, installing windows and doors, erecting and plastering brick walls and wiring lights and fans and various other things.

We are very anxious to complete this building. Just before we left and on other Sundays in the past, our present church overflowed and some believers had to sit outside. The new building will be much bigger and will accommodate more than 600 people. Once completed, it will be used to conduct meetings not only on Sundays, but also during the week, for special Bible classes, showing Christian films to the villagers and serving many, many other usages for the Kingdom of God! We hope to complete construction by June of 2006. \$50,000 is still needed.

Please pray about this project and for God’s leading for us and for you, as you

caught against an electric pole. There was a danger of breaking the cement pole. In the process of becoming free, the pole swung back and a support wire snapped and struck me on my right eye. It felt as though someone had hit me with a sling shot.

I held my eye shut while experiencing excruciating pain and as water ran down my face. Hoping that no vision was lost, after some time, I opened it. Everything was blurry and I could hardly see.

Later, when I went to the hospital, the doctor examined my eye and said it had been scratched and that it was a miracle that I hadn’t lost the eye. He prescribed medicine and rest. I thought, “I can use some rest!” By God’s grace I am doing much better, but still my sight is a little blurry. Please remember me in your prayers. Also, please continue to remember Hope Ministries, and funds that are needed to finish this church building.

Most of the women believers that attend church here were once Hindus. Some of their husbands are still staunch Hindus that give hard time and hinder them not to attend church. Please pray for their salvation.