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Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas!

Christmas, our favourite time of the year, is coming up. This is when we get to celebrate the miracle of God joining Himself with humanity through the baby Jesus. It's a time for sharing blessings with others, connecting with family and friends, and thanking God for His wonderful gifts. We, at Grace Life, are especially thankful for our amazing sponsors and donors who have shown the Christmas spirit over and over again in blessing and helping the poor in India and Nepal. May this Christmas and New Year bring joy and fulfillment to your hearts, along with peace, prosperity, and good health. Thank-you for your love and compassion.

New Home



We are delighted to once again bring you great news from the ministry! We can truthfully say we have seen incredible miracles and always God has been faithful. We feel privileged joining with all of you in this God adventure!! For 15 years God has blessed us with a great ministry centre and with a wonderful landlord. But in June we were given notice by the landlord to vacate because he wished to develop commercially. This was a huge undertaking as it involved moving many people and resources. It was the largest faith trial our leaders had yet

faced. I felt that they needed to take the lead. The facility had to be large enough for all the ministry needs, and we desired it to be in a safer and better locality. Our leaders searched every day for 3 months. A special Christian man and past president of Rotary and a major builder in Visakhapatnam, Mr. Rau, gave great help. We were able to secure a brand-new facility in a much better location than before, very close to schools and the daycares. Rotarian Rau was able to make sure all legalities were done properly and that we got a reasonable deal. Also the owner is himself a Rotarian and is well known to Mr. Rao. We took occupancy 1st October, the exact day we had to vacate the old facility! Our leaders' staff and young people are now all settled in and so excited for this gift from our God!

Vehicle Needed



A number of years ago Lorri prayed we would get an Ambassador car. They are off a 60-year-old assembly line that the Gandhi family owned. It was great, and like the old antiques, it was built like a tank. Some 10 years ago the plants for these cars shut down in India. We were advised by a top mechanic that parts were no longer available so we no longer have this vehicle. We need a ministry vehicle that is safe plus large enough to transport our young people, and strong enough for travel through the rough roads to the daycares. Also, as the ministry expands, we require a reliable vehicle to take teams and staff to Odisha. Lorri and I have a newer small Hyundai in India which we would trade in exchange for a new vehicle.

With the trade in we will likely need an extra \$10,000 CDN for the right vehicle. I am thinking of a newer, good used SUV-sized vehicle. Please pray that we will be able to find exactly what we need. Also, Karuna's motorcycle should be replaced fairly soon. A new one is \$1500.



Churches, Water, and Education

We have been able to start approximately 60 churches in Odisha, plus we have ministered to many hundreds of children, providing them with education, practical training, and daily feeding and care. Through our connection with Rotary we have set well over 10,000 free from poverty plus provided clean water to over 100,000. A great number have come to Christ in the great city of Visakhapatnam. In Odisha after lots of stretching hard work we are now very close to bringing water, fish ponds, irrigation, and training in new farming techniques to 14 villages with the help of individual gifts plus great leadership through Rotary. For us it is just amazing to become friends with so many outstanding leaders as well as the simple hard-working villagers. Our new centre in Kasini Padar village is fully finished and furnished; it looks incredible! Our vision is to reach all 2400 villages in this very poor district in Odisha.

Christmas Party at the Tenements



All of our favourite times in India have always been at Christmas. We love our outreaches to the slums (tenements). Our kids do skits, songs, dances, and we all have a lot of fun. We provide India sweets and usually fresh samosas for all. We have had crowds up to 400 to 500 in attendance!

We would also like to have a huge Christmas party for the children at our daycares, plus their families, and if possible, gifts for the kids. Life is very hard for them so we want to bless them with a great Christmas outreach party! If you wish to contribute to this, that would be great. We also want to thank Jadon Elman, a young teen who raised funds for our daycares!! We need young people like him getting involved.

Nepal



God spoke clearly to our hearts to pursue new ministry in Nepal. For many years we supported trafficked girls rescued through Operation Rescue Nepal, an Assemblies of God ministry based in the USA. They are now closed in Nepal. The need is very huge and we are pursuing new ministry opportunities. Nepal is becoming more difficult for Christians. Recently 4 young Westerners were put in jail for preaching. It is illegal to convert in Nepal with sentences of up to 5 years prison. We are believing for God to open the doors. Please pray with us. Also we have sent funds and a great many training materials, plus leadership training to Nepal over the last few years. Please pray especially for the leaders we work with as they bring the gospel to Nepal. The Nepalese are open.

Daycares



In January we have a special professional children's worker coming to visit our daycares. She has worked in child advocacy in Ontario for 20 years. We are excited that Andrea, who is a Christian from Kenya, is bringing her expertise to help the daycares. Please pray for her. We will be delighted to host her. She is looking to minister long term. We also hope to come with another team in the new year. These trips are always impossible miracles that God makes happen!

Blessings from the India, Nepal and the Canada team of Grace Life Ministries!

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