



Grace Life Ministries



Life has been turned upside down for most of us because of the COVID pandemic and its ensuing worldwide lockdown, but God's work never stops and we have some very good news to report. In Odisha our new church and ministry center is close to being finished. The villagers are able to shelter out of the heavy monsoon rains as they meet together. Only finishing touches remain to be done. Special thanks to Christ the King Church in Oregon, US and our friends Pastors Wally and Gail for most of the financing. The villagers did all the work in building the church and clearing the land. Special friends have donated towards wells and a Community Meeting Home (Eve Home) in the main village of Kasini Padar. Poverty is now broken in this village of the Kandhamal district which suffered the greatest persecutions of Christians in 2008. All churches plus 100,000 believers' homes were destroyed by radicals, yet there is very little bitterness within the Christian community. Grace Life and Rotary plan to bless this very poor district with wells and helping poverty-breaking projects. We are there to serve the people and our leaders train young men and women to do this work. Some of those who have visited these primitive farm villages are impressed with the excitement, energy, hospitality and love they receive from the villagers.



The villagers of Kasini Padar take in the aged and destitute to love and take care of them. The church in Kandhamal has experienced the love of God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and now they are passing that along freely.

Our ministry in the slums is more important than ever with India's lockdown of her 1.38 billion people now going into the 3rd month. The families of the children we support are not able to feed themselves. Most of the parents work as day labourers which means they only make enough for their daily needs one day at a time. Even a few days or weeks without work causes great hardship. Because of this we are feeding the families of our sponsored daycare children (about 80 families). Through generous contributions we have been able to distribute basic food items (ie good rice, lentils, oil and vegetables) 4 times now. These distributions give approximately 10 days of food for each family. We will need to continue this for several more months until the lockdown is lifted. I told Karuna, our main leader, to tell the families that we are doing this for them out of love and that we will continue to protect them as much as we can. Please consider helping in this area. Through this mercy ministry we will forge deeper relations with these special people.



Our young secondary education students are doing well. They will write their final exams shortly. We will have new graduates. These students all work very hard and all are doing well. Thank you for your prayers and support in giving these wonderful kids a chance in life, as well as the Rotarians from the teams and the Rotary Club of Courtenay who have sponsored these young people for a number of years. I just today communicated with Devi who is now an RN nurse. She has secured a job in a brand-new super specialty hospital in Visakhapatnam. She is in training right now in Hyderabad learning how to operate the brand new modern medical equipment.



For more information and lots of pictures and short videos please visit www.gracelifeministries.info or the Grace Life Facebook page. Very special thanks to Lorri for all her hard work in updating the sites, and to the India leaders who do such a great job in communication and sending pictures! PayPal is available under the donate button. If you wish to do online donations, please arrange through your online bank account and send to gracelifeministries7@yahoo.ca This will automatically transfer your contributions into the Grace Life account. We are in our 26th year of ministry with Grace Life. Great things are ahead. We greatly covet your prayers and the friendships over these many years. Kell and Lorri Frandsen