

Church of Christ India Mission Work

Work Report Newsletter

April - May 2017



Romans 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Greetings Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The churches of Christ in India salute you. Grace, Peace, Mercy and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. All the orphans kids and widows that we have been taking care of are doing well and they are all conveying greetings and prayers to you.

A NEW LOOK

We are very happy to be sending you a newly designed version of our work report this month. We want to keep you updated on the Lord's work we are doing here in the best way possible, and we thought our work report needed to be updated with a fresh, new look. We decided to change the format and put our work report into newsletter form. We hope you like the updated format. Please kindly take a minute to go through this work report. It would be a great blessing for us if you would please kindly share this newsletter with your friends, church members and family members and anyone who might be interested to look at our mission work for the glory of God. Please encourage them to support our work for His glory. Please send us a word or two regarding the new format of our work report and we welcome any suggestions you might have for improving our work report to you. Thank you, in advance, for your kind comments and suggestions.

Giving Baptisms

We gave five baptisms during the months of April and May. We thank God for these souls which have been added to His Kingdom. Please pray for our new brothers and sisters in Christ.



Conducting Gospel Meetings

On May 12 and 13, we conducted gospel meetings at my father's congregation, Gonepudi Church of Christ. We were very honored to have Brother Saganty Lazarus, Church of Christ Evangelist from Seunderabad, as our guest speaker. Brother Lazarus is also a television speaker and evangelist in Hyderabad, India. My father, Brother G. Balasundarao, was also a speaker at these gospel meetings. We also provided a dinner to all who attended these gospel meetings.



Feeding the Starving Congregations



We provided rice and oil to members of our congregations who are starving several times during the past two months. The summer months are especially difficult for our congregations. The extreme heat prevents them from working outside to obtain food for themselves and their families. Thus, they are dependent on us to provide food for them.



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Through kind love, concern, and support, we were able to construct a prayer shed for one of the congregations in our ministry, the Church of Christ at Mutthanapalli Village. This congregation had been meeting for worship services at a loaned building which belonged to another organization. Beginning in January of this year, we were informed that the Mutthanapalli congregation would no longer be allowed to worship in this building. Therefore, this congregation had to begin meeting in the open outdoors. We prayed about this need for the Mutthanapalli congregation very much and God answered our prayers through your kind concern, love, and support. We began looking for land to purchase to build the prayer shed. After purchasing a piece of land near the Mutthanapalli Village, we began purchasing the building supplies and materials. The actual construction of the prayer shed began soon afterwards. My father, G. Balasundarao, conducted and served as the overseer of the construction, as I was away in Hyderabad with my wife in the hospital during her serious illness. Construction was completed in early May and my father conducted an opening ceremony to give thanks to God for His blessing this congregation with a permanent, sheltered place to worship. My father and mother, Sister Santha, prepared and served a dinner to the members of the Mutthanapalli congregation to celebrate God's wonderful blessings and give thanks to Him for providing this place to worship. We send our gratitude and many thanks to all those who supported this great effort and project for this congregation. A special thanks to my father who spent many hours purchasing the land and building materials and overseeing the construction so I could be with my wife. We have two other congregations that are in need of prayer sheds. Please pray for this need and do needful support, if possible and Lord willing.

Constructing a Prayer Shed



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Sharing the Gospel on our Forest Area Mission Trip



In May, I and four other gospel preachers visited the forest area in Andhra Pradesh. The forest area is a very dangerous region, having many wild and dangerous animals living there. We have made several previous trips to this region, planting the seeds of the gospel and starting new congregations. We preached the gospel to forest tribal people in ten different villages. The villagers were happy to see us and hear the gospel message we shared with them. These tribal villagers live in extreme poverty and many have never heard the gospel message before our visits. The children living in the forest area are not educated and cannot read the Bible. There is a great need to educate these children in order to provide them the means to read and study God's Word that we have been teaching them. We felt very blessed to be able to share God's Word with the tribal people. After presenting the gospel message, we gave them bananas to enjoy. Please pray that we can continue to conduct these mission trips into the forest area so that we can maintain and nourish the gospel seed we have planted there.



Caring for the Families With Leprosy

Living in one of our congregations are two families who have leprosy. These families have been rejected by society as a result of their leprosy. Each month, we help these families with medication to help rid their bodies of this dreadful disease and food to nourish and strengthen their bodies.



Helping the Old Preachers



We visited with the old preachers in our congregations and helped them by giving them money to help with their medical needs and to support the needs of their families.

These old preachers are very poor and most receive no regular income. They must rely on our help for them each month.



Providing Fishing Nets

We purchased fishing nets for four men in one of our congregations. The men use these nets to catch fish to provide food for their families. With the fishing nets they are also able to earn extra income to help support their families by selling some of the fish they catch.



Providing Sarees to Old Widows



We provided sarees to several old widows in our congregations.

The old widows were very thankful and appreciative to receive the new sarees.



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Sewing Training Classes

Mom has been continuing the sewing machine training for the poor widows in our congregations. The old widows are learning valuable skills in these training classes. Please kindly keep this in your prayers and do needful support for this to be a great blessing for many poor widows in our congregations



Update on My Wife's Health and Our Good News



My wife is recovering from her recent surgery, thanks be to God. She is at her home now and recuperating very well. For those of you who do not know, my dear wife, Pravallika, and I are expecting our first child in October. Recent medical tests indicate that our baby is growing and developing in a normal, healthy way. We thank God for His most wonderful blessings to us in regards to Pravallika's restored health and blessings and protection for our baby during my wife's recent surgery. We send our gratitude and many thanks to all who prayed for us and provided help during my wife's illness and surgery and this most difficult time in our lives.

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Please Pray Our Ministry Needs



We kindly request that you pray for the following needs of our ministry and, if possible, provide support to help us meet these needs:

1. **Bore Wells** – There is a great need to dig bore wells in 5 of our congregations. The members of these congregations have been walking for miles in the extreme heat to get clean drinking water, as they have been rejected by their local people to drink their water for being Christians. Please kindly pray for this need for bore wells and do needful support for these wells. Lord willing, your kind and wonderful support goes a very long way to keep our poor church members away from extreme thirst and starving.
2. **Children's, Old Widows Home/Church/Preachers Bible Institute** – There is a great need to build a children's home, old widows home, Church, and preachers Bible institute in the same campus to give love, hope, affection, care and prayers to the abandoned and destitute orphan kids and widows in our congregations who are badly in need of shelter, clothing, meals, and love of Christ. Please kindly keep this need in your prayers and do needful support to make this church home a reality for the glory of our Lord, as it would do a great help to show the Love of Christ to all of them.
3. **Food for Those Starving** - Please pray for the poor, the sick and afflicted and the elderly in our congregations during this extremely hot summer season. Our congregations are starving and they are badly in need of rice and food stuff. Please pray for this and do needful support, if possible and Lord willing.
4. **Prayer Sheds** – Two of our congregations are in need of prayer sheds as they have been gathering in open areas to participate in worship services. This is especially difficult during the extremely hot summer season and particularly for our sick and elderly church members. Please pray about our prayer shed needs and do needful support if possible and Lord willing.
5. **Educating the Children in the Tribal Village Areas** – The tribal children living in the forest area and the villages do not have access to a proper education. Therefore, they are unable to read the Bible. There is a great need to educate these young people so they can read and study God's Word that we have been teaching them. They would then be able to help their communities with His Word. If anyone would come forward to support the education for these children, our mission work would assign a separate teacher and school books and other necessary materials for them.

If you should have further questions or would like further information about our work or any of these needs we have, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your prayers and your kind consideration.

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Thank you so much with all of my heart for spending your precious time to go through this newsletter and pictures. Please kindly take a minute to reply with at least one word – it would be a great encouragement to us and our ministry here in India. We are all praying for you whenever we kneel down to pray. Thanking God for all of you in our life for His glory. Again, I ask for your encouragement by taking a minute of your precious time to reply with at least one word. Thanks to God always for your continuous love, encouragement, concern, support and prayers for the Lord's work here. Closing with thanks and prayers.

Hoping and Praying for Your Earliest Reply,
Yours in Christ,

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