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Hi,

We hope this newsletter finds you well!

What an interesting last 6 months we've had! Our projects in India are going well, and we were so blessed to be able to take over a group of 8 people to see them in February/March this year. The majority of the group were from Yorke Peninsula's Light Churches and we were privileged to show them the work that Good Samaritan Ministry is doing in Odisha.

From the get go it was warm, but we kept busy (and hydrated) visiting numerous people and places. We were able to visit our tuition centres and see and meet with the children who attend those programs. The tuition centres really are making such a difference to the lives of the numbers of young people attending on a daily basis. We were able to visit the hostel children in the 3 hostels, and with hands full of souvenirs, gifts and toys, the children were delighted to spend time with those from Australia. They learnt how to play Aussie rules, they played cricket and soccer, they sang and danced and were just delighted to spend time together. We were able to take 2 of the hostel children to a recently opened playground in Rayagada. These children had never been to a playground before and were cautiously looking around. It wasn't long before there were smiles as big as their faces, and running and sliding, swinging and playing with squeals of delight.

As a group we were able to visit Kodagulami village and stay for 2 nights. We were looked after tremendously and fed well, and despite the lack of facilities and sleeping on the floor, we had an amazing experience living in a remote village. From there we could climb a mountain, sit and chat with families in their homes and yards. We visited the village next door and were again blessed to interact with so many wonderful people.

What we found a real blessing this trip is the time we were able to spend in ministry with the locals. Our family arrived before the team, and Ashok was able to preach at a 2 day meeting, thoroughly blessing the Christians from that area. Once the group came, we visited a village on the top of a mountain. This village and the surrounding ones have been reached with the Gospel by a faithful and dedicated pastor who tirelessly serves the Lord. They welcomed us with drums and dancing, gifted us with shawls, and a crowd of hundreds gathered to sing and worship with us. People came from 10 surrounding villages to participate. Our team were able to bless them with God's word and prayer. Afterwards, they enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship.

We were also privileged to visit Pastor Suresh and his church near Rayagada. They have been praying for a roof for the church they are building. Members of the church have given finances and time and effort to build the building. We are excited to announce that through the generosity of those supporting GSM, we are able to help them put the roof on! Thank you! Our team was able to enjoy the Sunday service with them and share a meal with the believers.

We finished the trip with some sightseeing and were blessed to hear how the trip had impacted everyone who attended. Thank you for coming with us, and we pray you'll be back soon! For those who would like to come and visit the work we do, please continue to think about coming. Talk to someone who has been, or contact us and we'd be delighted to give you more information about our short term trips.

Our land is progressing slowly, the fence has not been completed yet, and once that is done we will be able to continue with the plans for the land. Please continue to pray that things are completed in a timely manner so we can reach the community there soon! Once the basics are

connected, we are hoping to be able to take people over to do a working trip to help with building and planting and so on. Stay tuned on the progress!

Our pastors in other areas continue to do well serving the Lord and their communities. Pastor Suresh (a different one) working in Rourkela, was able to baptize some believers last month. We praise God that he is so passionately sharing the gospel with those in hard to reach places. Pastor Tep in Chhattisgarh is also doing well, blessing the believers he supports in the remote mountains of that state. Please keep them in your prayers and pray that God continues to open doors of opportunity for them, as well as protection as they serve the Lord.

Our Rayagada boys hostel is moving soon, into the lower level of our house in Rayagada. We have decided to allow them to stay there to save on rent, and give them more space. We have renovated our house and plan to host visitors there in the future when they visit, to give them a home stay experience. Through generous donations of some business people in Adelaide, we hope to be installing bunk beds for the children so they no longer have to sleep on the floor. We thank those who have generously contributed!

Well April sees the beginning of the hot season, so pray for those who have little that they stay cool and hydrated during these summer months. We would like to sincerely thank all who gave gifts to take to India this year. We blessed each hostel child with a pencil case full of pencils, pens, sharpener, erasers and so on having over 60 cases donated by generous people. Thank you! The look on their faces when they realised it was a gift for them to keep was priceless. Also a huge thank you to those who supported the team to come over to India - through gifts, finances and prayers. So many gifts were given; beautiful handmade clothes and blankets were able to be given out to those who needed it. Thank you. Together we are able to show God's love in a practical way.

Regards and God bless,
Ashok & Emily Mishal





SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities to support the work of Good Samaritan Ministry in a variety of ways. Regular support of just \$10 per month enables us to tutor a child, giving them the unequivocal gift of education, changing their future.

Regular Support

\$10 per month

Sponsor a child to attend a tuition centre in a remote village or tribal area. This enables us to support families in raising their children in their usual home environment, through the gift of free tuition and meals for the children, as well as supporting villages to provide education, health care and the social support that children need to thrive.

\$20 per month

Sponsors a widow. Money is given to the widow to assist with living expenses. Widows are often left struggling when their husbands die, as well as having to shoulder the burden of caring for their children and families and working to provide necessities for their families.

\$30 per month

Sponsors a child in a hostel. Allows a child from a very poor, or orphaned family, to live in a home environment and receive food, education and nurturing to enable them to achieve what they would usually not be able to dream of achieving.

\$50 per month

Sponsors a pastor in a remote area. The pastor is financially supported to enable the pastor and his family to assist others with their needs. Usually in a remote or marginalised community, the Pastor is able to support, encourage and witness to the local people and can identify and support individuals and families who may be of need of further assistance.

Irregular Support

Donate

Give a donation! This donation can be for a specific area or can be a general donation to support the work of GSM. **Why not donate toward the purchase of land for GSM to house the hostels in a safe and nurturing environment!**

Fundraising

Fundraising events are a great way to raise money for a particular project. We have regular curry nights with delicious Indian cuisine, to raise money for projects. We enjoy quiz nights and other events to raise money for particular causes, such as the tuition centre.

Gift Cards

Purchase a card for family or friends at Christmas time, knowing that you have given a life changing gift to a family in India.

**Ask us or check the website for details of how to sponsor or make a donation.
Thank you for your generosity.**

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