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Hi,

We hope this newsletter finds you well!

Well so much has been happening!

Last year we were able to purchase around 2 acres of land. The hope and prayer with this land is to develop it into a safe and secure place where people can come and be ministered to and blessed. Ultimately what we dream this will look like is a beautiful compound with a hall, kitchen facilities and bathroom facilities. This hall would be multi-purpose, used as a church, eating hall, meeting hall, and even a place for play-groups for families, particularly women and children can come and play with toys and receive education - medical, social, spiritual and parenting education. The dream is to then have living quarters on the grounds with their own bathrooms and smaller meeting halls. What we hope to begin with is a bible school where young keen pastors can come and live on site to learn about the bible and cement their faith and commitment to the ministry of Christ. Within the ground we hope to have plenty of trees for shade, fruit trees and vegetable gardens, as well as a chicken coop to enable the grounds to be largely self-sufficient and able to bless the community with produce.

What the land looks like as we speak - well, we have connected a water supply, digging a deep bore so that we have water 24 hours a day. The fence (which is actually a bricked wall, according to local custom and budget) is almost complete so that wild animals (such as cows and goats roaming around) don't eat our trees! We have planted some trees around the perimeter. There is a small building now, which is really a storage room for building supplies. Next will be an electricity connection, then some more trees, and planning for a chicken coop and vegetable gardens - which we are hoping that our short term missions team will be able to help with next year when they're over!

Our hostels are going well. The Rayagada boys hostel is bursting at the seams with 17 children this year, but they are so happy and thriving, having moved into a bigger living area earlier this year. The Muniguda boys hostel is doing well also, with 10 boys enjoying the premises there! Having closed a girls hostel a couple of years ago, we have now opened another due to need. A local pastor we work with has had children living with his family unsupported. When Ashok was there in August we committed to supporting 11 children in his home. The children are from tribal areas and families were begging the pastor to help with their children and he told us he just couldn't turn them away.

Our tuition centres continue to thrive. Budaguda, Kodagulami and Muniguda are blessing over 150 children every day with tuition and support. The communities there are really seeing a difference in the children's lives and in their villages. Ashok was able to distribute over 50 "tooth care packs" to the Muniguda tuition children when he visited in August. These packs were lovingly made by some high school girls here in Adelaide, containing toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, pencils, notebooks, finger puppets, balloons and pictorial guide on how to brush your teeth! Thank you so much girls, the children absolutely loved receiving them!

Our pastors are doing well in their churches. We support several pastors serving in village areas and they are so grateful for their ongoing support to minister the love of Christ to people groups, largely unreached by the gospel of Christ. Please continue to pray for their protection and provision as they work as humble servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Suresh in Kotapeta has now begun to build a church building. Through donations from his congregation he has been able to build walls and foundation. He is continuing to pray for support to provide the roofing. If you

feel to contribute financially toward this project, please let us know. His church is thriving in the local area, with over 50 people attending each Sunday.

This year, Ashok was able to visit the state of Chhattisgarh in which we have been supporting Pastor Tep and his ministry. It is an incredible place, full of jungle, remote, not even serviced by busses in many parts. Where Pastor Tep is working the people are very remote and he is committed to serving these poor and isolated people. Ashok carried out some ministry there during August, and was able to do 2 days of meetings for over 150 people in that area. Many people walked 20-30km to attend the meetings and were thoroughly blessed to be ministered to by Ashok's preaching! While there, Ashok encountered several miracles amongst those people who have such a wonderful testimony of faith. Particularly this one: After the meeting ended on the second day it was 4pm. A large group of people still had to walk 20+ kilometres to reach home, as there are no busses near that area. There was only one small car, in which too many people to count piled into in order to avoid walking. As they piled in the car, one of the car's tyres burst. Climbing out they began to set off on foot. Ashok was so touched as he wanted to help but didn't know how, and he had to set off to catch a train to return. Ashok prayed there was another way. Just then around the corner came a bus! The large group of people piled in and off they went toward home. It was when Ashok was travelling to the train station with his driver that the driver kept exclaiming "that bus doesn't come here, it's a town bus, it doesn't ever come this way, I don't know why it was here". Well praise God, he provides!

We are excited to be planning a short term trip to India in February/March 2019! We are taking a group primarily from Edithburgh & Ardrossan Churches, with a couple of Adelaidians joining them! Please pray for their safety and blessings on this trip and that they will have an amazing experience of God at work around the world. We would love to take another group in 2019, so please let us know if you're interested in the second half of the year, and get a group of people together. During the trip we take you to see the GSM projects, children and pastors, as well as fitting in a little sight-seeing. Let us know if this interests you! While the group is in India, they will graduate our latest group of tailoring students. Women who we have taught to sew over 1 year and will give a machine to, so she can earn money sewing for others in her community.

It's almost that most wonderful time of the year again! That means that GSM has Christmas cards available. The purchase of a card, gives the actual gift of that object to a family or person in remote India who is struggling to provide for their family. The gift of education supports a child to attend tuition; the gift of a sewing machine trains a woman to sew and provides her with a machine upon completion.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the work GSM does. Your donations make a huge difference to those living life tough, in the remote areas of India. Please continue to prayerfully and financially support the vital work we are doing in these areas. If you would like to hear more about the work we do, we are happy to come and speak with your small group and tell them more!

Regards and God bless,
Ashok & Emily Mishal



Ashok receiving a traditional welcome in Chhattisgarh!



Ashok was able to minister to around 150 people during a 2 day meeting in Chhattisgarh. We are so excited to be reaching another remote people group with the good news!



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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