

SEMI NEWS - JULY 2011



Dear Friends,

Our loving greetings, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank the Lord for His Faithfulness through your prayers and support for the ministry of SEMI in the land of India.

Right now I am in Madhya Pradesh, North India. Here we are running many meetings in 12 villages. There is no electricity, internet access or mobile network here. I travelled 30 km by bullock cart to come to town to send this newsletter by e-mail. The people here are very poor and uneducated. They are worshipers of snakes, the sun and the moon. God is touching many lives with new understanding of God and God is healing them.



People hearing the gospel at a meeting

GREAT HARVEST

Praise the Lord, our convention brought great results. God is faithful. There was heavy rain up until the day before our first meeting. During the four days of our meetings, there was no rain at all! Lots of non Christians were really amazed by this. So many people came to the convention to hear the Gospel. I and three other pastors preached.



The Convention

Here are the great results:

- 27 people newly came to know the Lord;
- 156 people showed an interest in knowing more about the Lord;
- 17 people took the decision to be baptised;
- 9 people committed themselves for fulltime ministry
- 22 people joined us for our evening training class.

A PARALYZED MUSLIM LADY HAS BEEN HEALED

This lady was rich and well educated. She was a journalist in the Gulf for 20 years. Suddenly she became paralyzed in both legs so she came back to Trivandrum with her husband. One of our believers was a servant in their house. Whenever she got an opportunity she shared about Jesus with some fear. One day the Muslims lady's

husband said, if you speak about Jesus again, you will have to leave your job here. She shared this with SEMI and we all were praying for her for many days. Then one day during the time of the Convention our sister secretly told the Muslim lady about it and convinced her that if she came to the meeting, she would be healed. Her husband was away on a business trip. So she agreed to come, so her servant along with her husband, carried her to our meeting. God touched her life. She gave her life to Christ, then suddenly she felt God's power passing through her body; she began to move her leg and walked on the ground by the power of Jesus. She is now attending our bible study and is willing to support our ministry.

TRAINING STARTED

By the grace of God this year training has started with 23 students. They are learning God's word as well as preparing for ministry. They share the good news about Jesus. They go from door to door, do open-air evangelism, visit the slum areas and do children's clubs. Please pray for them to adjust to the new atmosphere, language and culture etc... They have a time table to follow each day from 5 am to 10 pm. Please pray they will have strong determination to complete the course and go for the ministry (and not give up)



CALL FROM NEPAL

Some of our graduates had the desire to reach out to the people in Nepal under SEMI. I send two of them to do a survey. They came back with lots of challenges and needs. I told them I have no way to support them, so began to look to God for guidance. After six months, one of my friends offered to help. He was previously an atheist, but he is now a good follower of Christ through my personal evangelism. He has got a small job in America and has agreed to support them for 60% of the costs. Praise the Lord. They are now in Nepal doing marvellous ministry. I am planning to visit them soon. They are particularly working amongst the mountain people who live there, who have no contact with other Christians. It is a big challenge to reach them. Our church planters need a good supply of shoes and jacket to cover their trips. Please pray.

NORTH INDIA IS STILL A SPIRITUAL DESERT

Now I am physically very tired travelling village to village by bullock cart and by cycle. But it is really a joy to see people hearing for the first time that they have a good future in Christ. Our church planters are working really hard bringing people to Christ. Now they have a good gathering, but they don't have a shed to come together in. Also our brothers who are doing ministry here praying for a new bicycle to go to these villages. Please pray.

FUTURE PLANS

- We have the desire to reach out to old age people in their own homes, in hospital and old age homes to meet them personally and share the hope of Jesus before they die.
- Help the people (not financially) who are struggling because of heavy rain (From July-Sept)



Flood in Trivandrum

PRAY FOR THE NEEDS.....

- We need urgently 7 bicycles to send to our mission field for the ministry./ They each cost Rs. 3000 (Approx £42)
- We need to help our church planters in Nepal to have some shoes for the mountain journey and blankets. Cost Rs. 5000/- (Approx £70)
- We need a Generator to show the Jesus film show in the remote areas.
- Immediately, we need to make a small shed for worship and fellowship in North Indian villages, we need Rs 8000/- (approx £112) for 6 villages.
- Ricky our son is studying in the 4th class in a English medium school, we are struggling to find his study expenses. He is very good at studying but we are unsure whether he can continue in this same school. Please pray for grace from the Lord.

Praise be to God who has guided us until this day. God has provided a new government in Kerala after hearing our prayers. Please pray for them, that they don't act against the Church Of God.

We thank each one of our readers around the world for reading this news letter and praying, encouraging and supporting our ministry through AMEN. Even though we do not know many of you, the Lord who is our Master, will bless you richly.

From the Gospel battle field
Roy & Ponna