

## SEMI MINISTRY UPDATE - DECEMBER 2011



**Dear praying friends,**

I have recently returned from North India after visiting our mission fields. It was a very long journey by train and other transport, especially travelling by bullock cart for hours together to reach villages – this was a very special experience. The state of Madhya Pradesh is in central India. 95% of people in this area are Hindus. There are very few Christians here. The area is filled with temples in every corner where they offer special sacrifices to different gods and goddesses. SEMI has been praying for ministry opportunities in this particular state and now the Lord has opened a window to plant a church with our students. More than 6 thousand villages are still waiting for the gospel in this state. So please pray for wisdom and provision from the Lord to reach out these people. We need two bicycles for our church planters and a prayer shed for village people to come for bible study. Can you pray for this need?



*SEMI in North West India*

**Reaching out to Indian women with the gospel** has been a vision in Ponna's heart for a many years. She has been fasting and praying about this for many days. She is still looking for the opportunity to train Indian ladies to reach out to other Indian ladies, because according to the culture, the majority of Indian women in the villages never come out from their house, it is also because they are shy and they think it is disrespectful to men. So please pray for Ponna, that the Lord may answer her prayer to form a training programme for ladies. We need some resources, please pray that the Lord would provide these.

**God** has been gracious to show His **miraculous healing power** during our last month's ministry by healing two Hindu cancer patients and provided a new born baby to a catholic family after the 14 years of marriage. These 3 families are now getting close to Lord. One of these believers (who was a Hindu and a cancer patient) who received miraculous healing from Jesus, has been baptised and is now a strong believer in the Lord Jesus. Through her faith in the Lord she prayed for one of her Hindu aunties, who was suffering with a wounded leg due to diabetics – she is now completely healed and has joined our fellowship. **Praise the Lord.**

**Vision 2012** : If God is willing, we are earnestly praying for a special outreach programme called Vision 2012. The aim is to reach out to 1000 villages with the gospel through the Jesus Film. We expect 10,000 souls to be saved with a 10 people team. For one programme, in a village we need Rs 1000 (this includes food, accommodation, fuel and travel for team mates) Can you pray for this challenge and provision from the Lord?

**Thank you very much**, to all of our friends who are praying, encouraging and supporting our ministry through AMEN. We, as SEMI family, say a big thank you from our heart, for sending us to win the lost for the Lord. As the Word says “and how can they preach unless they are sent” Rom 10:15. Finally **WE WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED AND CHRIST CENTERED NEW YEAR FOR ALL.**

With love and prayers

Roy and Ponna (On behalf of SEMI)