

SEMI Ministry News – June 2010



Dear beloved in Christ

Warm greetings in the name of our savior Jesus Christ who said “I will never leave you or forsake you”

It our immense joy and pleasure to write again about our mission stories and experiences. The monsoon in our State of Kerala is very heavy this year. Due to this, fever is spreading everywhere, and so far 20,000 people have been admitted to hospital. Our minister of health has blocked further admission of fever patients so people do not know where to go for treatment. Please pray.

Many children turned to God during this Vacation: Our Bible college students particularly focussed on children during the school holidays. We ran a painting competition and 300 children came from different castes and religions. During their painting we presented many Christian programmes, and introduced Jesus as the light of the world. Students shared their experiences and Roy shared a short message. Many upper caste, including parents, were touched by this. One person publicly confessed faith and others have made decisions for Christ.



Because of this, some Hindu people opposed us, but still we have won many in His name.

Helped children to go to school:

There is a small village filled with drunks, thieves and prostitutes. Over many years our people have gone and done a remarkable ministry, but it is very difficult to win souls for God in this place. We had prayer and fasting, and slowly God began to touch many. Now 75 people regularly come for Bible study.

A group tried to stop this work here by mocking and beating us at times. Now the situation is changing and they have started to love and accept our work. We could help those children who come from these houses in a small way with the help of local Christians here.

Through a child a whole family came to Lord: The boy's family struggled for a long period without peace and in financial trouble. Due to his father's drinking, family life had broken down and the house was in poor condition. During our visit we met the boy and invited him to the childrens' club. There he gave his life to Jesus, and now the whole family has joined one of our fellowship groups.

Great Opportunity to serve people through Computer Centre:

The Government has introduced a computer literacy programmed for the State. They have selected some of the best centres to tie up with them, and we too got that chance. They have given us 6000 houses to oversee in terms of computer literacy. We can use this opportunity to make contact with so many people locally and see the opportunity to witness. Once we struggled a lot because society doesn't want to accept us because we are Christian, but we have been patiently waiting on the Lord for our time. Now a wider door has opened.

SEMI Churches:

In different parts of India our graduates are planting churches among the unreached, in and out of cities and villages. Some of our students are paying a high price to complete the training. One example is this, Bro. Manic Mizra. He was born

and brought up in a Hindu family who particularly worship animals and snakes. One day some missionaries went to his remote village, shared the Gospel and through them he got saved. After two years of prayer he was called by the Lord to Bible College so he contacted SEMI. We gave permission for him to come but he did not have the money for the train, so he raised it in this way. There is a particular fruit which is very rare in the market but available in a remote jungle so he worked there for 4 days to harvest the fruit, sold it, and paid the money for the train fare. Now he is a good soul winner among his society where there is no church or Bible.

AMEN Overseas visitors were a great encouragement:

During April Br. Chris Chatfield, John and Mark visited our centre and some of the mission field. We enjoyed their fellowship, messages, skits, love and concern. We do hope more of you come and see the work of the Lord through us weak vessels.

Praise the Lord for

- Answering our prayer to get an LCD Projector. OM India has agreed to give us one.
- Opening many doors for witness
- A good number of children responding for Jesus during this vacation
- God has provided a jeep belonging to one of our friends, to use for two years

Please pray

- that new believers around India may grow in the Lord and enjoy the blessings from the Lord
- that hundreds of young people and children who heard the Gospel may respond in these days
- that God may provide sponsors for Roy to preach on TV because he has an invitation from one of the leading Christian channels in India.
- for our urgent need for a laptop which will help me in my ministry..
- that God may bless our great vision and mission to reach India.

May the Lord of eternity bless all of you who pray and contribute to this ministry. We thank you all from our depth of heart for your sacrificial contributions. When you pray and give we shall go on behalf of you with this message of love to the needy.

From India

Roy & Ponna