

SEMI Ministry News – January 2009



Greetings in the name of the Lord Almighty. We praise God for His divine protection and provision over us personally and over our ministry.

Thank you Lord for

- Newly saved and baptised members through our ministry
- Newly formed Children's Clubs and Bible Study Centres
- Our students from all over India
- The conventions, Gospel rallies, Seminars, Whole Nights of Prayer, Deliverance Meetings, Counselling Programmes, Evangelism Trainings, and Outreaches that SEMI continues to be able to conduct – and for the fruit which comes from these activities.
- All our Staff and Trustees
- All the believers at the Good Shepherd Revival Church
- The way in which the Business Enterprise is progressing
- The way in which the Tailoring Classes have started so successfully

Our Family and Ministry

When we look back we are joyful to say that the Lord has been so faithful to our family and ministry. We are glad to join the psalmist in declaring His faithfulness as we see Psalm 116 verses 1,2,12, and 13

*"I love the Lord for He heard my voice;
He heard my cry for mercy.
Because He turned His ear to me,
I will call on Him as long as I live.
How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord"*

It seems hard to believe that our second son, Erick Roy is nearly one year old. He is doing well. Our elder son Ricky is studying in 1st Level and he is doing well in his studies. Ponna has been very busy with caring for both the children.

I have been very busy in the Lord's vineyard. So many opportunities have opened for preaching, teaching, training leaders, and travelling to different locations to spread the Gospel.

The Lord has enabled me to lead many people to Jesus and also to Baptise them. I am so grateful to God and also to all of you associated with AMEN for your essential ongoing prayer and financial support.





Baptism service in a village where people had previously not heard the Gospel



Prayer meeting



Open air meeting

Training Centre

We currently have 15 residential and 10 off campus full time students who participate in the main Training Programme. Students are coming from all over India: Karnataka, Orissa, Tripura, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, and so on. Though their culture, language, clothing, food, and lifestyle are different, most are able to adjust it by the grace of the Lord. Sometimes students are unable to adjust and complete their studies and return to their native states.



But most continue with eagerness to achieve something for the Lord. As well as classes in the Centre, students are encouraged to go out for practical ministry experience.

Our desire is for these students to go out and plant churches, particularly in Northern India. However, this is a real challenge and we are in need of many openings and breakthroughs, and most of all prayer.

By the grace of God we currently have 40 Christian believers receiving training through evening classes. They serve the Lord through their own churches, yet they also gather together to share, worship, discuss, and learn.

Our purpose is to train them to be effective ministers, and through them we currently run 10 Prayer Cell Groups. Many people are being saved through this ministry and we request your prayers for those involved.



Children’s Clubs and Bible Study Group

Some of our students have found particular areas of ministry. Some are running Children’s Clubs and Bible Study Groups, mainly for the children of poor people who have no money to provide for any other form of education for their children.

In each club the kids are participating very actively and they even invite their parents along to the meetings. Study Groups are being held together with Spiritual Growth lessons.

As well as this SEMI has organised the supply of material help for the poorer families with a kind donation from AMEN.

SEMI Building

We praise God that the extra floor has been added to the SEMI building. Much prayer went into this and we thank all at AMEN for the financial support that has enabled us to have a proper brick and concrete construction that fits in with the design of the previous building. We also thanked our fellow believers in India and our dear students for all the prayer, help, and encouragement they have given us during this project.



The new top floor is being used as a dormitory for the residential students

SEMI Staff and Trustees

Around 10 staff now work at SEMI – including trainers, kitchen helpers, administrative staff, and so on. We have times when we all get together to share, pray and discuss issues – these build us as a team. Once a quarter there is a SEMI Trustees Meeting when we pray and discuss the progress of the ministry.

Business Enterprise Scheme



The banana chip enterprise continues and is making a small profit. Though we did not have any business experience God has helped us start this new initiative. We had some problems at first, but have learnt from our mistakes and things are now proceeding much better.

We learn in scripture that Paul made tents to help keep himself and we seek to understand whether God wants us to do the same.

We are thankful to AMEN for sponsoring the startup of this operation and look forward to seeing how it develops. We already have ideas for other ventures which will help bring funding into the ministry.

By the grace of God we have also started a Tailoring Training Centre at SEMI so that poor men and women with few marketable skills can learn a trade and earn a living.

Currently there are 10 people being trained under the care of a lady who has offered to teach the men and women.

Kindly pray for this extension of the ministry of SEMI and for the funds needed to pay for the lady doing the training.



Please pray for

- Many more new opportunities for ministry in different parts of India
- To have funds for a "Children's School Bag Project" and for Orissa Relief work
- A projector and generator for the ministry
- Funding to complete all the fitting out and decoration of the building extension
- God's guidance for admitting girl students for ongoing training
- God's strength of me and my family
- God's guidance and growth and protection of all the ministry of SEMI

Finally we would like to thank the Lord and all of you for your love, concern, sacrificial gifts, encouragement, and leadership until now. May the Lord bless you all richly.

Let every part of India hear the Gospel !!

In His Service,

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