



Gospel for India

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GFI Missions Update: God Moves in Orissa India!

Dear our valuable prayer partners and friends in the ministry of the Gospel,
Greeting in Jesus Name!



A view of gospel meeting

From Jan 11th – Feb 13th Sara and I made a trip to India to bring the gospel of salvation and healing to the people of both Kerala State and Orissa. Here is an outline of what the Lord has done.

On Jan 26th we began with the 31st annual Gospel For India (GFI) Convention in Kerala. Each day we preached the gospel, conducted Pastors seminars, held evening gospel services and saw many precious souls ministered to with the gospel.

Then on 29th Saturday, we had the “*Reach out Theological Seminary*” (RTS) graduation service, in which we had 6 graduates from the M.Div. program, 14 from the B.Th program and 5 from the D.Th program. It was a great blessing to see them graduate and be released into the harvest, so eager to share the word of God.



RTS Graduates of 2011

By the grace of God we were able to distribute bicycles and sewing machines here



Women with sewing machines

in this area to poor women and to the pastors who minister in this area. Some megaphones have also been ordered and will be distributed here as well when they arrive. Gospel For India has developed a Vocational Training Center with three sewing machines in this tribal village and has trained 30 tribal women in tailoring. After training, they demonstrate their skill by

sewing a school uniform for an orphan, then some are presented with sewing machines (as funds are available), enabling them to provide a living for themselves. What a great blessing it is to assist those less fortunate than us to provide for themselves.



Missionaries with bicycles

After Kerala crusade we took a 36-hour train ride to Raygada, Orissa (India). The train ride was quite an experience for our guest speakers from Canada. When we arrived in Orissa we drove 2 hrs, hairpin turns to minister to the “Tribal people” at the mountain village of Sandubadi. GFI had purchased 1,000 kg of rice, as well as lentils, spices, vegetables, and a few chickens.



Orissa Crusade

Word had spread that we were feeding people free food and conducting a free medical camp and the people streamed in from all over to eat, get medical care, and to hear the gospel. This tribal village used to worship a large stone but when the gospel came to them several years ago the chief forsook the rock and gave his life to the living ROCK! He donated the property on which the sacred rock was situated to the ministry and now it houses a temporary orphanage and day school for “*New Hope Children’s Home*” in that village for children who were victimized in religious persecution that shook the area two years ago.



Food served everyday

We preached and ministered to the crowd in the day and night. Every morning we started with medical camp, then we would shut down the medical camp in the



Medical camp in Orissa

afternoons so that people could hear the gospel. About 500 people were seen for various medical needs, often getting both medicine and healing prayer for what ailed them. Many people experienced the miraculous



Crowd responding to the Gospel

It is hard to know just how many people received the salvation of Christ in these meetings. Unlike in the conferences where we teach the saints, here we preached a simple message of salvation to the seekers and newly converted. You can never build a roof until you have established a foundation, which is sound teaching about Jesus Christ. We used two interpreters, one who translated from English into the state language of Orissa and a second who translated from that into the local tribal language. We estimated that somewhere between 200 and 300 reached out to Jesus for salvation for the first time. That number is a lot less than the number who raised their hand in response to my question, "Who wants Jesus?" It is, however, a great victory. It is easy to draw large crowds and have many numbers respond in the cities but quite another in the remote mountain forests and valleys where the population is spread out. These are the ends of the earth to whom the Lord has called His church to reach out. This was the first public gospel meeting after the recent persecution by Hindu militants in this area, and as the sounds of music and preaching found their way to the surrounding villages people made their way into the tent to experience this new way of living and believing.

We are excited to report a victory which is a great encouragement to us. Gospel For India has purchased land near the outskirts of Raygada, Orissa, which will become the headquarters of the GFI ministry in Orissa. Plans are underway for the construction of an orphanage, and there is a large portion of land that is also available adjoining this land, on which the ministry has placed a down payment. The land is next to two large villages in which there is no gospel work, so it is strategically located for outreach.



Proposed land for Orphanage

Also, this is riverfront property and access to water is very important. In the picture we are walking around the property that GFI purchased and dedicating it to the Lord, as well as believing God for the funds to purchase the adjoining property. We need \$40,000 to purchase it, then building necessary facilities for the orphan and mission centers will be about \$35,000. By the grace of God \$2700 has been given already. We have six months to get the finances together, so we are appealing to our partners to help us. I am prayerfully making plans to go to Orissa this May during my next trip to India from April 16th through June 20th. We will also by faith lay a foundation stone for the orphanage. Perhaps some of you reading this would be able to help us purchase the land. This would be a fantastic missions project for a **church** or **youth group** or a **foundation** to get involved in! We need your help to do this and we are trusting God that together the work will get done!

“Stop Hunger Now” Dear friends, we are very glad to inform you of the good news that the organization “Stop Hunger Now” donated 145,000 packets of food, totaling about 600,000 meals to feed the hungry people of India, mostly to tribal Orissa, orphans and those suffering from leprosy. We urgently need \$5000 for customs clearance and road transportation in India. So far many church people have helped us with packing and shipping to India from the US. GFI needs to raise money for all other expenses in India when this 20 foot container will arrive in Cochin seaport. The copy of the letter from “Stop Hunger Now” is as follows:

Letter of Donation

Date: 02/21/2011

To: Customs Officials of India

This letter is to certify that this shipment of DONATED RELIEF GOODS: dehydrated rice casseroles, is being sent through STOP HUNGER NOW as a free gift to the people of India. The consignee, who is responsible for handling the shipment, is:

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