

July 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

God is working—more and more people are catching the vision! Our president Russ Sharrock and his wife Alice had a wonderful time teaching nearly 400 young children about Missions at Camp Lela, a local Christian camp, for three weeks. The ones who paid attention received a shiny Indian rupee for each answer they gave—we had lots of eager participation and interesting questions! One young lady came up to us and said she felt God was calling her to be a missionary, so the next generation is being raised up now. Russ and Alice also had the privilege of speaking to several new churches about what God is doing among the Dalit (Untouchables) in India. Peoples' eyes and hearts are being opened to the realities of life in India. We are praying that the vision will continue to spread.

We are so excited about the newest development in the life of **AIM**: Next January 29th we will be taking our first Mission Team to India to teach a week of Bible school for the orphanage children, as well as others from the surrounding villages. Several people joined the Mission Team as a result of AIM's presentations at area churches. A Mission Trip is a wonderful opportunity for the Team to see the work being done there, and to have the chance to get to know a friendly and gracious people in their own culture. If you are interested, we would love to have you come with us; contact **Asia International Mission** at aimission@hotmail.com, or you can give us a call at 405-564-0616. The cost is \$1600 per person round trip. We are categorizing this trip as semi-primitive. There are two more spaces available so begin praying about it now. For more information about AIM or short term mission trips you can also go to our website at www.aimission.org.

Good news: All the original orphans posted on our website have been sponsored, and we are presently waiting for the pictures and biographies of a new group of children who have just been added to the Children's Home. We have a vision for an even larger home to welcome more children off the streets in the future—please pray for this need. The plight of orphans and widows is beyond description, and their souls are on God's Fatherly heart, too. James 1:27 instructs us to be our Lord's hands and feet to a lost and suffering world: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV)

Our president Russ Sharrock would again like to thank each of you for your continued prayers during his time of recovery from surgery in India. It's times like these when the comfort of scripture becomes so very important to our lives. One verse that has meant so much to Russ is "*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*" Romans 8:28. God's desire to reach several Muslims and Hindus was brought about by changes in human plans—what we at first regard as frustrations, we later recognize as divine appointments, richly fulfilling God's Gospel purpose.

Several years ago, Alice sat next to a lady on a plane—another divine appointment. This lady is returning to the US in a few months, after many years "teaching English" at a university overseas. We will introduce you to her—hopefully in our next quarterly newsletter—as a guest columnist. You will hear her take on crossing cultural barriers, on God's provision, and yes, the divine appointments that make eternal differences.

India is the fastest growing country on the planet—and most of its 1.2 billion people have never heard of Christ. Would you join our team, both prayerfully and financially, to enable us to continue going and sharing Christ's love in India? Would you be willing to invest \$25, \$50, \$100 or any amount God would lead you to give, to help us continue in this vital outreach to both children and adults? Just make checks out to AIM and send to::

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You may also donate by credit/debit card on the AIM website. Just type in the purpose box what you would like the money to be used for (general fund, Bibles, orphanage, etc) and then enter your gift amount. Be sure to fill out all the information completely.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. We would love to have you as part of our Team, whether on the field, or here at home. You can be part of what God is doing in south India, reaching those who need to know that the one true God is real—and that He loves them. We promise to send you a full report on everything the Lord accomplishes through us. Please email us—we look forward to hearing from you.

God Bless you,

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These construction workers in Hyderabad get all their water from a rusty drum. Please pray that they will not only have a pure water source, but will hear of the Source of Living Water. John 4

Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for the orphans at the Children's Home. That each of them will ask Jesus into their hearts before they must go out into the world.
- Please pray for the pastors of the new church plants in the villages, that they would remain strong in their faith during times of persecution, that God would continue to provide for the daily needs of their families, and that they would stay focused on God's righteousness and faithfulness.
- Please continue praying for Russ. It appears he will still need surgery in both legs sometime in the future. There are many decisions to be made concerning this.
- Pray for God to send His workers from every nation into the harvest fields of the world—the time is short. Those who are still lost at His return will face eternity without God.
- Pray that those who received the Good News through the Mission Teams would continue to grow spiritually, read the Word and seek God.
- Be praying about the vision we have for building a larger Home that would house at least 100 children.
- Please pray that Alice and Russ will be able to raise missionary support so they can work full-time with AIM.

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' "*
Matthew 28:18-20