

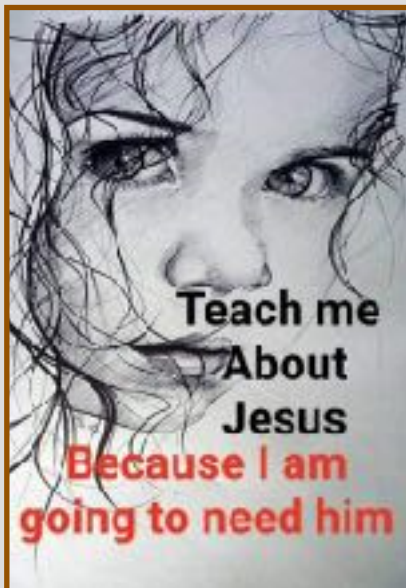
Brother Moses, stands in the Water preparing to baptize a couple that he and brother Kong has been teaching in their home. Scenes like this happens very frequently in the fertile hearts of the people of India. Often I think about these new babies in Christ. It is important to bring about “new births”, but it is so important to feed them the word of God and help them to mature, to stand firm for Christ in the future as the American missionary leaves the field.

So often among the “backward tribes” (the official government name for most Northeastern tribes) the people can not read nor write. They are extremely poor and must work hard in manual labor to have a subsistent lifestyle day by day.

Our greatest challenge is not to lead them to the waters of baptism but rather to grow from the milk to the meat of God’s word. We must make leaders among them who can lead the congregations and who know and can defend the truths of the Bible.

Too often we missionaries report large numbers of baptisms from the poor villages that exists by the tens of thousands in all India, but we do not maintain, build and develop these new children of God into mature Christians, who are able to stand along and proclaim to others the riches of Christ.

In India it is sad to see a small child die of measles, dengue fever, malaria and other diseases but it is sadder still, to see small children in Christ die because of the lack of care, teaching and rooting into the gospel of Christ. That is the real challenge in the mission fields!



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Greetings to all,

My time of almost four months in the USA has quickly slipped away. I will leave soon to return to a busy and critical trip to India. There is much work to do. Under the pressure of the Assam government, I am compelled to complete the new Mustard Seed Village very quickly. I have until the end of the this year to construct the new home for our boys, administration and staff apartments next to our new Theophilus English Medium School.

I am in need of “emergency funding” to get this accomplished within the next three to four months. The construction is underway and we are basically building on credit praying the Lord will provide, which he has never failed in the past. The Lord’s Church in the USA gives so sacrificially to our needs in the work we do together in India. Please do what you can to help.

The construction will require building a three sided building. Each side will be about 200 feet long by 32 feet wide. In the 15 connecting “apartments”, we will have seven apartments for up to one hundred boys and then staff quarters for eight staff and administrator families. Our cost we hope will be around \$100,000.00. We have received to date \$25,000.00.

In addition we must build a kitchen and dining hall/worship facility in the middle of the compound. Our cost of this structure, which will be thirty-six feet by seventy feet, will be approximately \$20,000.00. We are doing our own contracting and hiring local labor to keep our costs down.

The Assam welfare department, under new federal guidelines, are under tremendous pressure to adhere to new strict and in essence anti-Christian guidelines. They have recently registered all of our boys and made us determine between Hindu background and Christian background. I am fearful they will remove the Hindu background children. They are very much opposed to our Bible programs at the school and at Mustard Seed Village. I am moving twenty of my youngest boys as we speak to my medical building at the Rainbow Village where Assam has no jurisdiction. Hopefully in three months ,with help, we can move them over to the new MSV with the other boys.

I have a lease on the old MSV properties through 2025 and will begin a school for poor children in the area in the fall of 2019. We will have classes from pre-school through class five and will board the children at a nominal fee. A bible program will be required from all children. There are many poor families in the area that has asked for this new work to help them educate their children. Also we need to continue the small congregation we have in this area as well as the new work among the Mishing tribe that had moved into the area.

Thank you for all you do as God’s people in this polytheistic but receptive country of India!

TEMS

Our new Theophilus English Medium School is entering its third quarter soon. The children are studying hard and most are doing well. Many people and local officials stop and tour our new facilities, and are thankful we are in their area. Many parents come wanting to enroll their children but except for a few we do not allow.

Next year we will begin to accept outside tuition paying students. Our long term goal is to have enough outside and boarding students to make the school a self sustaining and Indian run school under the oversight of our congregation - The Miao Circle Church of Christ.

In these very hot days of summer in this jungle area the children are thankful for the ceiling fans, high ceilings, lights and the new generator that lets them run.

The Assam government has come to visit where our boys go to school. The boys at MSV are in Assam but our school is on the northernmost boarding state of Arunachel Pradesh.

They really liked the school facilities and our faculty and curriculum but they were very critical of our Bible program. Under the present BJP government, who desires that all Indians be Hindu we must pray and be careful that we do not have disruptions in our school and Bible programs.

Hopefully, if our building program for the New MSV is completed quickly then the Assam government will no longer have any say so in our work. In Arunachal at present we are welcomed by all government officials.





Esther's Place, our girls orphan home in Guntur, Andra Pradesh continues to grow. We recently relocated from the small rental house on the outskirts of Gunter to busy street in the city of Gunter. We have leased a large flat and can now increase our girls from five to twenty-five in the future. Already we have three more girls in the last two months.

Brother Abraham Ambati and his wife Priya oversees this good work. Priya is a medical doctor with a government medical position. Abraham also holds a doctor's degree in physiology. They are our Antioch team in Guntur. The church is growing in this large city of Guntur which is the new capital of the state.

Our support of the work is minimum as they provide their own support and give also to the work of Esther's Place. We are basically able to completely run the orphan home for \$600.00 per month.

Soon I will ask for adoption or sponsorship of these beautiful girls as we do our other children in the Northeast.

This wonderful Christian couple are ideal for the program of creating a large self-supporting Indian congregation within a five year period. Being well educated, they are able to relate to all aspects of city life. They are known and respected by many in the medical, business, legal and government communities. Soon they will have a strong fully supported Indian work!

