



# SPIRITUAL SWORD MISSIONS INDIA JONES NEWSLETTER



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**2016**

Cindy and I wish each of you a wonderful, healthy and spiritual New Year in 2017. God has so abundantly blessed us together in our work in India in 2016. Over the past year we have added 32 new orphaned or destitute children to our work at the Mustard Seed Village, Rainbow Village and the orphaned children in Dimapur. 2016 saw a very successful first year for our vocational school at the Theophilus English Medium School. We saw the planting of three new congregations in our Antioch Program in Dimapur, Argatala and Jorhat as well as the continuing growth of the work in Kalimpong, Karbi Along, Gunter - Andrea Pradesh, Calcutta and in the Chakma regions of Northeast India. God blessed us with many conversions and has opened doors we thought were closed. In our medical clinics we treated over 1300 patients and paid for surgeries for twelve of our children and others. Our physical gardens of tea, fruit and vegetables continue to grow and produce more and more of our physical needs. 2016 saw new Christian families come to work with us at our Villages and in our Bible programs. We now have one of our grandparent houses completed and occupied by two sets of grandparents at the Rainbow Village. In 2016 we were able to legally acquire and clear the land across from the Rainbow Village for our future plans to locate both orphan homes, medical training facilities, Bible school for women, Theophilus English Medium School, a new church facility and a Christian burial area site for future needs all in one location. Above all God is helping us to plant His spiritual garden in the hearts of our children and in the hearts of the Hindu, Muslim and denominational populations of India.



2017 lays ahead of us. As God grants us the time and the resources, we have great plans in the coming year. We will establish three new Antioch congregations in Aizawl, the capital of the state of Mizoram; Dispur, the capital of Assam; and Calcutta the capital of West Bengal. In addition, we will be working closely in every way to help the planted Antioch congregations to continue to grow and meet our firm goals of each congregation being fully supporting and self sustaining Indian congregations, with no foreign funds within five years of each planting. Our largest project this year is the essential task of building the new Theophilus English Medium Christian School across from the Rainbow Village. Our goal is completion by the end of 2017. We also have completed our new medical and Bible training facilities for women and will begin our second program by September 2017. As always we will be adding to our children's home with destitute and orphaned children. We hope to expand our disabilities program by accepting additional children with various handicaps. Our midwife training and village medical programs will continue as we reach out with stethoscope in one hand and God's Word in the other hand. As always, without first our God, who is our Mighty Fortress and without you, His servants on the earth, we can do nothing. Thank you for your continuing support. As Andrew said to his brother concerning Jesus, I also say to you, please, "Come and See",

**2017**

The children at the Mustard Seed Village and the Rainbow Village enjoyed the festivities of the holiday at the end of 2016. Of course, we do not celebrate Christmas as a religious day, but as a day of love, sharing and togetherness with family. The children decorated the cottages with balloons and a few strings of lights. The girls received hairbands and the boys socks or billfolds. They all received some candy and other treats. Above all they enjoyed the traditional pork festival. We always butcher a large pig (280 lbs this year) and the kids and adults enjoy the pork dinner. Particularly they love the fat and the organs. Hopefully one day they will repent and eat only the meat!



Some of the children received presents from their adopted parents and it was such a blessing to them. The children understand that packages and gifts come at different times when the adoptive parents can send a gift. Please feel free to always send letters, pictures and small gifts to your adopted (sponsored) child. At present, we have twenty-four children that need to be sponsored. In 2016 we accepted 32 new children and these children so much desire to be adopted as they see the others around them. If you have a desire to help us care for one of these children in 2017 please give me a call (865-567-7872 or 865-567-0137) or email ([garryjones356@gmail.com](mailto:garryjones356@gmail.com); [cindyjonesx3@gmail.com](mailto:cindyjonesx3@gmail.com)), or send us a note to our mailing address. Your support of \$40.00 per month is a large portion of the cost to care for a child. Above all, your love expressed through your adoption, letters and gifts can help a destitute and orphaned child feel wanted and a part of a larger family. Children crave the security and love that comes from us who work directly with them, but in a special way, from their American parents and grandparents.

When you support a child you do so year by year. You will receive pictures and letters at least twice a year. You may correspond directly with them and you are always invited to come and personally be with your child at any time. Inexpensive gifts may be directly mailed to them or you may send them to me to deliver. Sometimes, it is best to send me funds for them and then with the child we can buy what they need. You will always receive a picture of your child with their gifts that you send or we purchase in your name. Thank you for your love for these children. God certainly will reward you in 2017 for taking care of HIS children!



**The Rainbow Village - children and staff**

## THEOPHILUS ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

Please select items that you wish to help us purchase to build the new Theophilus English Medium School. Mark your donation for whatever item you wish to help us with. If you like give to the general fund that will go where it is needed at the moment. But whatever you chose and donate to, we will use your good funds, given in the name of Christ, for exactly that purpose. Since the last newsletter we have raised \$30,000.00 toward the estimated cost of \$135,000.00.



1. Cement brick (need 20,000) cost is 32 cents each
2. Sand/Cement (1800 bags) cost is \$5.75 per bag
3. iron rods for construction 55 cents per KG need 25,000 kg
4. Window (33 needed) \$80.00 per window
5. Doors (22 needed) \$30.00 per door
6. Ceiling Fans (24 needed) \$28.00 per fan
8. Framing wood 400 cubic feet \$8.00 per cubic foot
9. Dyna Tin (Green) for roofing 200 pieces at \$20.00 per piece
10. Paint and painting charges per building A,B,C. \$3000.00
11. Coconut trees (200) at \$9.00 each. (3 foot trees)
12. Guava trees (50) at \$5.00 each
13. Rain trees (20) \$2.00 each
14. Swing set for four children (\$75.00) four swings
15. Monkey bars (\$100.00) two sets
17. Jungle gym (\$175.00) two gyms
18. Seesaws (\$60.00) four sets
17. Cement lunch tables \$100.00 each (need 8)

### ADDITIONAL NEEDS

1. In addition to the school, I am needing to purchase five more bamboo beds for ten girls at the Rainbow Village. The cost is \$200.00 per set.
2. We must purchase new bedding for the boys at the Mustard Seed Village. The basic cost of one mattress, two sheets, pillow, pillowcase, mosquito net and one blanket is about \$25.00. I need to furnish approximately 70 beds (I hope by February 1st).
3. I am needing to buy ten goats, ten piglets and 200 broiler chickens. The goats are about \$20.00 each, the piglets about \$25.00 and the broiler chicks about \$1.00 each.
4. We are desperate for a new generator at the Mustard Seed Village and the Rainbow Village. Ones that will be durable and efficient will cost about \$1100.00 each.

Please think about a generous gift as you prepare your taxes for 2016. You have until April 1, 2017 (check with your accountant) to make a donation and put it on your 2016 filings. All gifts are fully tax deductible. It is critical that we complete the school in 2017. We hope to begin classes in January 2018. The school is being built in a way that we will add a second floor on the B building for class nine through twelve in two years. God bless each of you in 2017.



# PICTURES OF 2016



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