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I am so happy to share with all, the establishment of our third home for children. Our home is called “Esther’s Place - a home for Beautiful Girls” and is located in Gunter, Andra Pradesh.

One year ago, I met a sister on Facebook, who sent me a friends request. Usually, I ignore these if I do not know the person, but in this case I looked at her friend’s list and saw she was friends with many Gospel preachers in the USA and India. After conversing with Priya and Abraham (they were engaged to be married - that happy day came about six months ago), il found out they were converted by Brother Whittle, a retired professor at Freed Hardeman University and has been having online courses with other preachers and even visitors from the USA coming to see and encourage them.

I flew down in February of 2016 and met them. I conducted a brief gospel meeting in their rented facilities located in a poor section of this very large metropolitan city, soon to be the new capital of Andra Pradesh. In the services their were at least forty children of all ages and a few adults. The kids were so enthusiastic about learning Bible songs and listening to Bible stories about Jesus. It seems that the strong high caste Hindus (who see Christianity only as a poor man's religion-true read Matthew 5:2) as well as, many Muslims also live in the area and of course do not believe that Jesus was a true God as there can only be Allah - the one true God.



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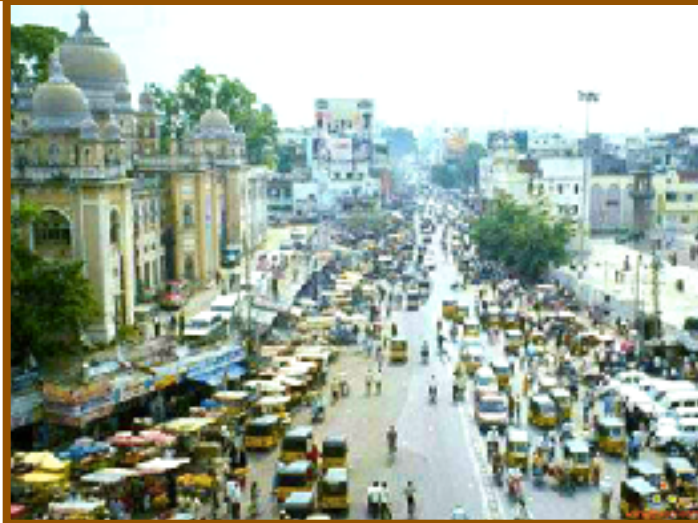


LAKSHMI

Our first
five
beautiful
girls!



Abraham and Priya got permission from many of the parents to let the children come and hear stories, have snacks, sing songs and enjoy each other. Many parents allowed this to happen. Over the last two years a number of the parents came to see what their children were so excited about. Through the children, Abraham and Priya have been able to convert a number of the mothers and fathers into the faith.



CITY OF GUNTER - 2 million souls



Abraham and Priya

I just returned from my second Gospel meeting with them and I have been asked to help locate support for the work to continue and grow in the city. Priya and Abraham are both doctors. Through their medical degrees they will be able to provide most of their support. However, when I realized that many of these poor children, only had moms who could hardly feed them, let alone educate them, I realized God would want us to help these children as we do at the Mustard Seed Village and the Rainbow Village.



FELLOWSHIP FOOD

Two weeks ago (April 15), rented a building and painted, designed our sign board, furnished, and repaired the old building into a beautiful building suitable to care for at least twelve orphaned or destitute girls.

The cost of running this orphanage will be minimum compared to the cost in the Northeast due to location and lower prices in food, rent, and utilities. I do need for these five girls pictured here, to be



Conversion of a Muslim Woman

adopted so we can care for them properly. Please consider them as well as over fifteen needing adopting at MSV and RV. Only \$40.00 dollars monthly will help provide all of their needs. I am very excited about this new work. I will meet with several who have helped to begin the work and we will plan the work for the future.

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FIVE NEW SISTERS AT ESTHER'S PLACE



PRIYA AND GARRY MEDICAL

CALCUTTA

I have been working on a plan for helping the poorest of Indian's population that live on the streets and in the trash dumps of Calcutta.

For four years now I have visited, talked with many officials and other organizations, slept on the streets with the poor and examined the best way to reach these disenfranchised and forgotten people in the name of Jesus Christ.



On this trip, I visited some of the poorest places I have ever seen. Often see old people, particularly old women sleeping, begging and dying on the streets. The old lady in the picture to your right is sleeping right on the road side leaving the Howrah bridge. - the busiest bridge on earth, with over a million people walking or riding over the bridge daily. No one sees her but Christ.

As below, the kids often have no or little clothing to wear. They are full of worms. Most, if not all street children, do not go to school. Often they are forced to be beggars or worse - sold into prostitution.



They are forced to bath at public water outlets on the main street or as the family below who are bathing in filthy river water that runs through the city.



The market places seem full of food, but the stomachs of the poor remain empty. I hope to begin proper work here in the near future to provide, shelter, clothing, meals, safety, medicine and Bible studies. With over a million living on the streets i am wondering if street corner congregations, may become a real possibility. Living stones or impervious to bad weather or poor physical conditions.



Brother Aggie Yobin, a former elder of the Ghandigram church of Christ and a very valuable member of the staff at Rainbow Village underwent extensive heart surgery on April 26. We have treated him medically for the last five years, but now was the time for an AICD implant into his heart to prevent sudden cardiac arrest which he has a high probability of occurring in the very near future. He is recovering in the hospital and will be able to return home after ten days. Thank you to all who helped cover the \$19,000.00 dollar expense for the surgery. It is interesting to note that the AICD made by Medtronic (an American company) cost \$14,000.00 dollars while the surgery and hospital care hopefully will only be \$5,000.00. I ask the Medtronic salesman who offered me several types of implants, how much this would cost in the USA. He said between 125,000.00 to 160,000.00 for the medical device only.



Aggie, is one of the finest and most humble Christian man I have ever met. He has five daughters and one son as well as a great Christian wife who oversees our kitchen and gardens at Rainbow.

His children are all Christians and three of them work faithfully for us at the Rainbow Village for girls. He is an expert basket weaver and teaches the girls the making of many cultural styles and useful baskets. These we hope to sell in a small store in the years to come. He is overwhelmed with gratitude for us saving his life. As I told him, "give glory only to God and to His Church and only in the name of Christ, has your life (as Hezekiah) been prolonged so you may continue to serve HIM!"

GENERATOR FOR OUR SCHOOL, MSV AND RAINBOW

Our work in India is in need of a powerful generator that can supply power to our new Theophilus English Medium School, our Rainbow Village for Girls and the New proposed Mustard Seed Village for Boys, as well as, our Medical facilities, new church facilities and other buildings on the ten acre site where we are living and building for the future of God's work, for these children, and for the Gospel of Christ. The cost is about \$18,000.00 and will last many years in providing the power we need in an area where electrical supply is weak and limited to a few hours per day.



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