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Greeting to all the saints! It is great to be back in the USA, my family and my home congregation. I have been gone almost eight months of the last nine months with all the activities of building and opening our new school for the children, conducting medical camps, preaching and working with three children's homes. Living in two worlds proposes many challenges from day to day, but of course, as Christians we understand we live in two worlds. I have many pictures in this newsletter. I hope you will enjoy and share them.

Above right almost daily you see work elephants going to work each morning and returning in the evening. Their strength and intelligence is amazing!

Sitting on the Rainbow Village porch with one of the small children is John Mark. John Mark came to us as a destitute old man with no home. His name was Krishna but after conversion changed to an older John Mark. He is wonderful with the children as a grandpa and works daily on the property.

Below left, some of the girls are plucking tea from our tea garden at RV. We are picking about 200 pounds each Saturday and selling the tea to help build our future self-supporting funds. Bottom right at MSV we are preparing the field for the coming rainy season and the planting of rice.

At the very top is Mahala Yobin our newest child at the Mustard Seed Village. Daughter of Kolikhi Yobin our MSV administrator.





OUR SCHOOL BELL IS RINGING!

On April 11th we opened our new school - The Theophilus English Medium Christian School at Namphia II in the state of Arunachal Pradesh where our Rainbow Village for Girls is located and where now we will begin to build the permanent home for the Mustard Seed Village for boys.

The children had been waiting for fourteen months for the completion of the school. For all of last year the children had makeshift schools separating the boys from the girls. It was a difficult year at best. However thanks to so many good brothers and sisters, congregations and individuals we now have our new school.

The pictures on this page show the children in their new school uniforms gathered for the morning assembly before starting school. At this time we raise the Indian flag (with great respect), sing the Indian national anthem and have a brief reading of Scripture and a prayer lead by one of our young men before we go to our homerooms and then our first class of the day which is a Bible class. In this new program developed by brothers and sisters in the USA we will cover the Bible in a four year program.

The school is well built and fireproof as far as the building is concerned. Each classroom is large with fans and good windows for light and ventilation. It is super hot during the months of May through August. The high ceilings will help to make the hot days bearable. We are in need of a good generator to provide electricity as soon as I can find the funds. The cost of a commercial generator to run TEMCS and Rainbow Village and the future MSV will cost with installation about \$11,000.00. If you can please help it would be much appreciated!

We have a great library! We have the largest book collection in the state of Arunachal of any school to our knowledge. All of these books have come from congregations and individuals in the USA. I am certain we have the best Braille library for the blind in the entire Northeast of India. We now have 12 visually impaired children. Anjali, one of our mature girls, assists in teaching braille as we seek a qualified VH teacher.

Our school is the result of much sacrifice and hard work by so many brothers and sisters in the USA. Many furnished rooms are in honor or memory of someone or a congregation. These plaques will go up soon in the classrooms.

Thank you! They are so excited and eager to learn!



Our lives are a mixture of joy and sadness. It is so true for me in India. I cannot properly express the joy I have with the children in our care. Taking care of widows, orphans and destitute children is one of the most fulfilling works I have ever engaged in. To hear the word, “papa” literally over several hundred times a day when I am at the children’s home brings a “parental” joy.

The joy of seeing Hindus, Muslims and those in false religions turn to the cross is a great joy. To see or hear almost daily of the power of the gospel in the converting of the soul brings a joyful smile. To see the children grow in their Bible classes and as the time is right, to become a child of God, is perhaps the greatest of my joys in India.

I am so filled with joy of the love of each of you and particularly those who have “adopted” one of the children. Your gifts (see the photo to your right), letters and support of these children is the perfect Christian example of love, empathy and extended hands of help. Thank you for loving these children. They need your love, your care and the sense of security these children have with an American adopted Christian family. *I have thirty new children ready for adoption!*

However there is sadness too. In India I see so much poverty. My homes are filled to capacity and we can’t accept any more children for a while. It is hard to say “we have no more beds left.” In my medical clinics we are able to help many and we have saved many physical lives but we lose some. In our midwife classes and through the birthing kits you make and send to us, we have saved the lives of mothers and children. Yet there is still so many mothers dying in childbirth and babies succumbing to an unclean birthing process.

Often I get calls and pictures such as the two below left. Both needed immediate hospitalization, simple antibiotics with IV and they would have lived. These children are no longer with us. I rest in the thought they are in God’s care now. At present, I have six of my own children that need desperate medical attention, but I do not have the funds at this time. Hopefully God will provide through His people. I know the sick we will always have with us but with children it is difficult not to be sad when their lives end so young when we might could have helped!



Four of our girls at Esther’s Place in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, South India.



Back in the USA, I am eager to visit and report on our work to congregations and to raise the necessary funds to fund our three remaining projects in the Christian Village we are creating in the jungle of Northeast India.

I know many congregations and individuals have helped so sacrificially over the years in our evangelism programs and our benevolent works. Over the next two years I need to build the following buildings to complete our Christian village.

First we must build the Mustard Seed Village for boys adjacent and on the same property as the new school. This three sectioned building will house about 100 boys and the staff of the school and the home. The foundation is being poured as I write but funds are needed to build this home for the boys. We are hoping to complete this project for about \$50,000.00

Second, we must build a vocational school as a part of the TEMCS campus. So many of our boys will not complete up to class twelve and almost all will not attend college. They need vocational training in agriculture, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, small engine repairs and other vocational courses so they will be able to support themselves as they mature and leave our home. We had a good, simple program at the old MSV school but now that is finished. We need to build a vocational building that is fully supplied with the necessary vocational tools and books. This large building, furnished, will cost us about \$25,000.00.

Finally, next to the school we need to build a church worship facility that will hold at least 500 children and adults. We will use the facilities for worship, evangelism, and school wide events. This church building will be a beacon of hope for many. Many evangelism programs are planned here in the future. One, I am eager to begin is a new "House (village) church" program. More later! One day the Miao Circle church of Christ will grow and fully oversee the works we are doing in India. The cost on this large facility will be about \$25,000.00.



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