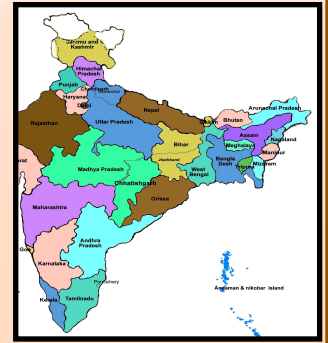




# SPIRITUAL SWORD MISSIONS INDIA JONES NEWSLETTER



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## In His Hands We Place His Children And Our Work In India

Greetings to all the saints sanctified by the blood of our High Priest - Jesus the Christ! I am so appreciative of the many prayers offered over the recent weeks for our struggles with the new rules being placed upon us by the Assam and Itanagar welfare departments. The new laws which are mandated basically from the United Nations to India, creates many challenges for the work of the Church among orphans and destitute children. All children in every child facility must now be fully registered by the state governments. Rules being placed upon us basically takes the control of who can come to our homes and who and when they can leave our homes. Many rules, though good in concept, takes away the rights of our work to oversee and run our works in a Biblical and proper Christian manner. For example, they require a children's committee to be form and to meet unsupervised to determine or make suggestions on third needs and wants. They take their own minutes and give them only to the welfare department who will come monthly, then quarterly after some time is passed. A locked suggestion/complaint box must be kept for children to put their complaints or suggestions. Only the welfare department has the keys to open. Now a welfare social worker must set in on our meetings and be a part of our "management committee". Also we are told that they may place children with us as they want to if we have a bed available. I am certain they mean well and desire to protect all children in this country where child abduction, slavery, prostitution, mistreatment and abuse is so rampant. However, it stops me from having a proper Christian home where we seek to be a true home and family to children we accept. We want to train them to be obedient and respectful to the adults in their lives. We want them to Love God above all and learn His word daily. Here we want Christ to be first, but this BJP government in these present times are intent on forcing Christ and His church out of India. Radical Hinduism is growing very fast in India, and it seems especially here in the Northeast. The RSS which is basically the Hindu underground are making many verbal and now actual physical attacks upon Hindu Christians forcing many to renounce their faith. Please pray for these believers in Christ to stay strong.



Also, thank you to many who have sent funds to help in the completion of the new Mustard Seed Village in Arunachal next to our school. The Assam government is requesting us (a mild word) to move the boys within the next four weeks. Yet, they are asking for a letter from the Arunachal government giving permission for the boys to be moved to the state of Arunachal. The Arunachal government is saying they cannot do so until all buildings are completed and inspected. So time is much needed. I sent a letter to the head of the Child Protection Services in Guwahati, the capital of Assam on September six, asking for a delay until November first before we move the boys. Even in this time frame it will be difficult to get it done properly, but God will supply our every need I am sure. God always keeps His promises, as He reminds us through the Rainbow coming down over the Mustard Seed Village you see in the photo above.

## **BIRTHING KITS - SAVING LIVES**

The woman in this photo came to me last Sunday for medical care. She is probably full term in her pregnancy. On examination, the baby had a heart rate of 148 beats per minute (good). The baby was very active in the womb. The woman was having pain with some fluid lost, but no dilation. In talking with her I learned she had two living boys. She had lost four other children, who all died between two months and four months after a normal delivery by herself in the home on a dirt floor using a kitchen knife to cut the umbilical cord.

After the examination, sister Grace translated for me, as I explained exactly how she should use the birthing kit to deliver this child in a safe manner. I am convinced, the earlier deaths were caused by an unclean birth. Probably tetanus, or septicemia, or some germs entered the improperly cut umbilical cord. She is a strong woman who has no fear of self-delivery. She stated her deliveries went quickly when labor began. This is even a more important reason to have the birthing kit, as they are a long way from a hospital. I hope to do a midwife class in this new area between MSV and Rainbow, so that many kits can be properly used among these thousands of new settlers in the jungle. Thank you to all the congregations and individuals who have made these kits for our use. I will need new ones sent over in 2019 and have made some modifications to the kits.

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## GOD'S HEALING HANDS

We have been very busy with our children in need of surgery. We are at present in Dibrugarh, Assam, where Ngwagisa had a tonsillectomy. She is pictured to your right with her concerned Papa. Ngwagisa mother was killed by lightning last year. I have her and her two smaller sisters with us at Rainbow. Bolingi, is also here for more tests on her ears. We have done two surgeries but her hearing lost is increasing. We will probably take her to a major hospital in Delhi or Tamal Nadu for required surgery, so she will not lose all of her hearing. She is such a beautiful young teen now.

The middle picture shows Ngwagisa with Asha and Shaina. Asha is our little dwarf girl. She looks like she is seven years old but she is now probably twenty-two. Dwarfism has many complications as you age. We are taking her to a specialist in this field for evaluation. She complains often of bone and body pains. She must always be careful with weight control. She is such a sweet and quiet child (woman?). Shaina is one of our visually handicapped children. She also has epilepsy and as we have discovered, much mental problems. We have taken her to a psychiatrist, who has prescribed new medication that I hope will calm her some so she can learn in our school.

This coming week we will take Bigen pictured below right, and Jitipon, pictured below to Guwahati for surgeries. Bigen is our crippled boy who has been with us for about five years. His mother and father both died of tuberculous. Jitipon has battled tuberculous for the last two years. He may have had it for a number of years. While now he is negative to the TB test

,he has much permanent damage to his lungs. In Dibrugarh, we discovered he has fibrosis and scarring through out his lungs. His lower left lobe is totally collapsed and causes him much pain. Probably this lung will be removed in the coming week.

Jitipon, to your left, will have eye surgery in Guwahati next week. He was born with birth cataracts. He can determine light and darkness and can identify colors held up to his eyes with the aid of a flashlight. I am praying that we can remove the cataracts so he may see better. He is excited!



# HAPPENINGS

There is always something happening at one of our works for Christ in India. As they say, "never a dull moment!"

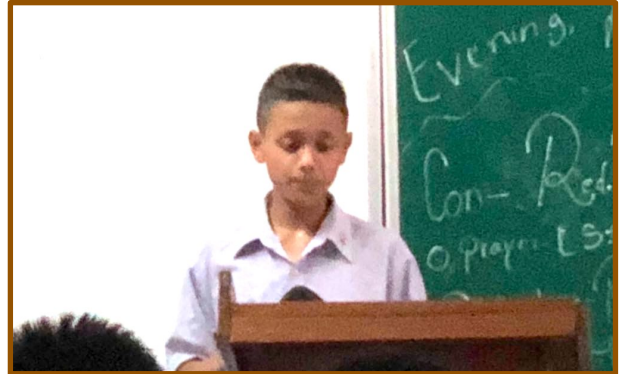
On September fifth we celebrated Teachers Appreciation Day. The children perform skits, cultural songs and dance, as well as giving each teacher and administrator a present. This was followed by a period of snacks for all.



The girls and staff are always busy planting, weeding, picking and cooking the food we grow at Rainbow Village. The girls do a great job and really enjoy working in our different gardens. We just ordered and received two hundred more broiler chickens that will provide many good meals in a few months for both of our homes. When the boys move up to the new MSV, then they will be very helpful in our husbandry and gardening activities. I am thinking two rabbits will make two thousand in a short period of time. Now where can you catch or find rabbits. I do not think they are indigenous to this area.



Our young brother Roshan is doing one of our thirty minute nightly devotionals. Some of the boys are developing into excellent young preachers. One of our greatest evangelistic activities is the training of these young men, to be independent, Indian preachers and teachers of the gospel, in the years to come.



The last picture is of Roshan and Aimson with new footballs (soccer balls) given by their adopted parents. This adoption programs has become one of our largest means of support for the two homes and the school. I am so grateful for all who have accepted the responsibility and joy of caring for one or more children. I still have about twelve boys and two girls that need sponsoring. In order to not offend the welfare department I am told not to refer to adopting any Indian child to anyone in the USA. They understand the sponsoring process and this is no problem I hope.



**God bless each of you!**