

Christ for India

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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

Dear Friends,

The year 2010 has been a great blessing of personal growth and growth in the ministry for me. Hundreds of churches have been established, more than 200 young men were trained in our bible schools and sent into the ministry. Our orphanages and schools and tailoring schools continue to be a blessing to many.



As 2010 came to a close with State conventions both in Punjab and Andhra Pradesh, the Lord's power and presence was manifested in these conventions saving and healing many people. Pastors rededicated themselves to work hard for the expansion of the organization in their respective

states. A decision was made to buy 5 acres of land for the state headquarters of our ministry in Andhra Pradesh State. This land will cost us \$150,000. We are planning to build our state headquarters, an orphanage, school and a permanent facility for our annual state convention. Please pray for this important need. We are desperately in need of 3 used **jeeps** costing \$10,000 each for 3 different areas in this state. This will be used by our gospel teams who are constant and continuous evangelism. We would like to start 4 sewing schools to train destitute women in both the states of Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.

I went to the state of Gujarat in the end of January and spent close to 10 days there. I conducted some gospel meetings and a pastors conference for our pastors that are working in the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan. Though the Lord did some great miraculous works of healing in the gospel meetings, the highlight of my trip was the time I spent with the pastors. Some of the testimonies of these young pastors truly touched my heart and brought tears to my eyes. I was thanking God for their commitment and dedication for the Lord and the min-



istry. I share below a couple of testimonies for you to thank and praise God with me.



1. Testimony from Pastor

Magal Lal, Raipura Region :

“During a meeting a mob of 15 people came to our worship place and ordered us to stop worshipping, drove everyone out of the hall and broke coconut to their gods which is an Hindu ritual, in front of the hall. However, with courage only from God, all the believers returned and we

are continuing to gather and worship God in the same place and God has protected us till today. All praise to God! A young man named Jithmal was paralyzed. The family took him to many hospitals, clinics and tried many other things like black magic but he was not healed . We went to pray for that young man and within one week God healed him completely! Another woman tied to her cot because of her insanity for years was delivered through our prayers. We were also praying fervently for Mallabhai, the Sarpanch (head) of the village. He is now coming regularly to our prayers. *Our hall is very small for our growing congregation of believers, but we have always relied on our God to provide and guide us each day.*

2. Testimony from Pastor Suresh Mayatra, Saurashtra Region

Before our regional convention held in Gwalior, during the time of our national elections, 17 activists came to my house with hockey sticks and rods, threatening me to stop my evangelism work and accused me of forcefully converting people in the area.

With wisdom and peace from God alone, I was able to talk to them calmly and told them that, "I am not converting any one. I am only proclaiming the truth to all which I have come to know." However, in anger, they destroyed my bike and threatened to kill me and my family. Due to the acute opposition from people around me I have had to change 6 houses in the last 2 years. It is now very difficult for me to find accommodation as no one is willing to rent out their house to me when they find out that I am a Christian. But I continue to rejoice as I am enduring persecution and hardships for His sake alone! *Due to this constant house shifting, we are praying and trusting in God to buy a land and build a house and a church hall soon.* Since the time I came to know Christ, God has healed me wonderfully and I have taken no medicines since then till today. I have been visiting few families and God enabled me to conduct prayer meetings every week where 25 to 30 people gather.



3. Testimony from Pastor Dhanna Charpotta, Khushalgadh Region

"I was unable to walk for 7 years. I tried black magic which could not help me before I came to know Christ in my life. At that time, my brother used to attend church regularly in our area. However, one day he died suddenly, with no reason. On the same day, I became very sick and eventually unconscious. My brother's friend who used to attend church with him brought me to the church in my unconscious state to be prayed for and God healed me completely that day and called me for His service. Now I can walk by His Grace! I have started a church in my house. Great miracles happen through the prayer meetings. A woman who had a tumor that was not cured even by the operations, was completely healed by God through our prayers. Due to such miracles and amazing witness of God's power, the entire village has come to know Christ! All praise be to God!

Many of these pastors desperately need a church building to worship in which costs \$6,000 each. Needed are 15 churches in the area. We would like to buy 3 motorcycles for our 3 area pastors who at the moment travel up to 50 miles by bicycle. The cost of one motorcycle is \$1,000.

Reaching out to the Poor and Needy



In the 2nd week of January, I received a call from a man begging us to help them. This man is from a Muslim background and he shared with us how thousands of Muslims from the Northern state of Kashmir have been driven out by the terrorism that is rampant in that state. They were staying in a vacant land close to the big city pipeline and the drainage in New Delhi. I promised them that help is on its way. We purchased one ton of rice, beans and lentils, potatoes and other vegetables as well as blankets. These people were living in temporary shacks in the vacant land in the cold winter of Delhi. It was such a wonderful experience and a great satisfaction in our hearts to see the smiles on the faces of men, women and children who had lost so much as we distributed the goods to them. I promised them that we would try everything we could to help them again. There are thousands of refugees who are living in pathetic conditions almost at our doorsteps in our city. We can feed 100 such families with \$4,000 for a month.

Medical Help at Bethesda Academy

During February, we were also able to conduct a **one day free medical camp** in our school in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh State for the poor students and families of our school who are unable to afford even basic medical check-ups. A team of 16 doctors, nurses and volunteers from Delhi went to our school in Hapur, along with basic medical equipment and various medicines. What started as a normal in flow of people, grew to more than 1000 patients who came from nearby villages, with people travelling as far as 20 miles to come for this medical camp. Our team of doctors and nurses worked relentlessly to give the best possible care and diagnosis to the many people who came as well as provide them with the medicines that we could, totally free of cost. This was truly a great experience for all as well as a powerful way of sharing a portion of God's love to the people who really needed it.

Medical Camp held here



Waiting Room



Announcing Our First Church in Abu Dhabi

In the last week of February, I was in Abu Dhabi for the purpose of going to start a church. During the 3 days that I was there we organized and started the church on Friday the 25th of February. I am in the process of considering starting a Christian school there. Though hard to believe, the authorities there are happy to provide me a land so that we start a school. We might be having a school in that country next year. There are more opportunities opening to start more schools in the coming days, even in the Arab world.

Thank you for all your valuable prayers and gracious giving that has enabled us to come this far in our ministry. I request you to continue to pray for us and support our ministry so that we can build the work in the way God wants us to and that 2011 may be a year of great harvest.

Please visit our new website www.christforindia.in where we will continue to update you with more information and photos of our different ministries on a regular basis.

God bless

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