



# Staying in Touch



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## Special points of interest:

- Ghana Project
- India Summary
- Surprised by God

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## From Dottie

### Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

As you read this, Mack will be in the midst of a 17 day project in England, Hungary and Romania. He left on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and will return on December 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be doing ministry with some old friends that go back 22 years. He will be doing evangelistic rallies in churches in Arad, Romania and in two cities in Hungary, Gyula and Kiskoros. Directing the ministry in Romania will be Pastors Ioan and Chris Zaharia and in Hungary, Pastors Joseph Matuz and Tibor Szlovak.

We are rejoicing that he is experiencing relief from the chronic back pains that have been with him now for several years. His flight over went without any incident of pain and that is another one of God's miracles.

Following on in January 14-28, 2010 Mack will be taking a team to Chennai, India for a 11 day project that will take them into 70 venues in churches, schools, colleges and universities. There will be two teams taking the Gospel to the unreached making this our 41<sup>st</sup> project since 1990. Please keep both of these projects in your prayers as we are still doing the final preparation work on them as you read this.

### GHANA PROJECT – Oct 27 to Nov 16

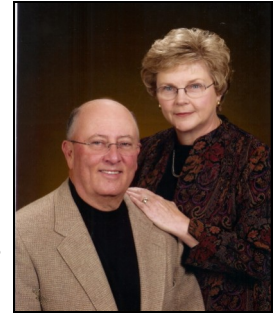
Director Eugene Narh and his team of four were joined by Pastor Mark Weeden and Tony Stibbs from Worthing Tabernacle, Worthing, England for a two week project in the bush. They were based in Ejisu in the Ashanti Region near Kumasi. Despite on and off rains (they lost two night meetings) they were still in 53 venues preaching to 12,625 people. God mightily blessed and they witnessed 7,110 people make first time decisions for Christ. God is still faithful to His Gospel if we will go into the highways and hedges and share. It has never lost its power!

Meanwhile, in October, Evangelist Godfried Tei's well drilling team was shut down for most of October because of the rains. They were able to do 10 meetings preaching to 12,700 with 5,350 making first time decisions for Christ. As always, Godfried gets mail from those who have received Christ and here is another unusual testimony from recent days:

*My mother told me it was through the intervention of a powerful deity that I was born and so long as I lived, I was duty bound to sacrifice some items and also provide two meters of white cloth to clothe the shrine of this god and that there would be dire consequences for me if I failed to do so. In my infancy, my mother religiously performed this ritual but handed it over to me when I came of age so I have also been carrying out this assignment until I went to prison for armed robbery. The prison authorities were unwilling to allow me to go to perform this ritual because they were not sure of my return if I was granted that permission. I was in prison for 10 years and never performed this ritual but nothing happened to me.*

*An inmate I met in jail allayed my fears and told me if I genuinely surrendered my life to the Lord and lived for Him, that Jesus would protect me from that deity. Out of fear, I gave my life to the Lord but as I studied the word and my faith grew, I became more confident and this reached its peak when I watched the "Passion of the Christ" in prison.*

*I have not failed to follow and serve the Lord since I was discharged and I am presently in Bible school to permanently serve the Lord. Thank you very much for your ministry to those behind prison bars." Charles K\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_ is presently attending Bible School.*



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**INDIA SUMMARY written by Sam Sundar, our director James Sundar's son.**

**THE FATHERS' HOME - We are experiencing God's presence and power...The God of George Muller continues to care for us...** Every Sunday our children and our Bible College students would have bread, channa and milk for breakfast. One Sunday morning (5th July) I noticed all of them coming out of the kitchen rather quickly. Immediately I called the caretaker over the phone and made an enquiry. It was then that I found out that the person who was responsible to order bread had forgotten to do so (this was the first time it happened). This was brought to the notice of the cooks just before the breakfast time. Since it was too late to prepare another breakfast for 80 members, the children and the students had to settle for just a cup of milk. On hearing this I was deeply troubled and disturbed. **How could they go to church with an empty stomach? How could we get food for all of them in so little time?**

Even though I knew that I would not be able to get bread for all of them in Ponnai, I prayed and began to get ready. God heard my anguish and prayer. **As I was getting ready a girl ran into the house and said " Anna (older brother) there is someone who has come to our campus to sell bread."** I was absolutely shocked and could not believe it. When I came out, I saw a man on his motorbike with a big basket of bread. I have been living in this village for more than 4 years and I have never seen this man or anyone else selling bread. It was truly a miraculous provision of God. Before, I bought the bread; I looked at this bread vendor (Ravi) and narrated the power and the provision of God. I exhorted him to trust the Lord Jesus Christ as He is the true and living God. Not only did we have bread for all the 80 members, he also donated extra packet of bread. Praise to be God! I later learnt that after my phone call, the caretaker who was waiting at the bus stand prayed to God. After her prayer, she saw this man with the basket traveling on the road. She also did not realize that the man was selling bread, however she stopped him and then after looking into the basket asked him to come to us. Praise be to God. The God of George Muller still cares for us.

**TRANSFORMING LIVES -The God of Apostle Paul still transforms lives.....**As part of our Sunday worship service, we have a responsive reading and an exposition of a psalm. One particular Sunday, Balachander, a 16 year old boy in our Father's Home lead the congregation in responsive reading and then expounded a psalm. I was overjoyed and thrilled when I heard him speak with such authority, clarity and zeal. I was able to sense the work of God in his life. I say this because. Balachander, who was orphaned at a very young age came to us about 4 years back as a Hindu. **It was here that he heard the Gospel, trusted Christ and was baptized.** The God who worked in the life of Paul has also worked in his life and that is why we can say that the God of Apostle Paul still seeks, saves and transforms people. The God of Apostle Paul changes lives!

**PERSONAL AND MASS EVANGELISM - The Gospel is still powerful...** Apart from our regular weekdays and weekend ministries of evangelism and church planting, God enabled us to plan some intense evangelistic programs and execute it. In the month of April, God enabled us to go to many villages for personal evangelism. We knocked on their doors, met them in the streets, talked to them under the trees and shared the Gospel. **Around 348 placed their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.** I still re-member the mighty work of God in Katarikuppam when a father and a son placed their trust in Jesus Christ. In the month of May, we had the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vacation Bible School. **Around 180 children came and heard the Gospel.** God enabled me to preach the Gospel and many children placed their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.



In the month of July (13 to 21) Gospel Harvesters International and India were involved in outreach ministry in Tuticorin, Nazareth and Thirunelveli districts. **We preached the Gospel to 52,180 people and 39,060 put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Bible college students also participated in the ministry. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of Sept the Lord granted us the grace to conduct a youth meeting in Ponnai area. Around 86 young people gathered. **The Lord enabled me to preach the Gospel and around 50 people trusted the Lord Jesus Christ.** Even recently in the month of Nov we had an evangelistic outreach ministry for 10 days targeting villages we had never gone to. The Gospel is still powerful! We are nearing the Christmas season and as usual this is a great month of harvest. So, please do uphold us in your prayers.

**HARVESTERS TRAINING COLLEGE - God still equips the saints for the work of service...** In the month of June, God enabled us to start our 7<sup>th</sup> academic year. God brought committed young men and women to be equipped. One of the highlights of this new batch was the enrollment of two married couples. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept, our 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of students had their convocation ceremony in North India. Our students received their degree and diploma certificates through the Indian Institute of Missiology (which is recognized by the Asian Theological Association). **It was a wonderful moment as two of our student's secured 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rank among all other theological colleges.** On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, we celebrated 7 years of God's faithfulness. The chief guest for that day was Rev. John Abu Bakar, a Muslim convert. We thank God that he is still using us to equip the saints for the work of service.

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**CONSTRUCTION WORK -** *By the grace of God...* the compound wall has been completed. Our next project is to build a bio-gas plant, an over head water tank and shelves for the girl's dorm as and when the Lord provides.

**God's grace still leads us...** I am grateful to God for his abundant grace on my family and the work He has ordained for us. I want you to know that I constantly think about you and thank God for you. Your prayer and support are of great help and encouragement to us. So, may I ask you to continue to do the same.

### SURPRISED BY GOD

Just a few weeks ago, we got a call from The Country Chapel, Poynor, TX. It seems that a young 14 year old girl was burdened by a series of events to see a well dug in an African country. She presented this to her church family and the people of the church put their hands to the plough and raised the \$3,000 to accomplish the work. It is a small church with less than 50 people in attendance and many of them unemployed at this time. They were pointed to us by their former pastor, an old friend of mine, Jimmy Davis. We wired the monies to Ghana and in a few weeks, a deserving village will have clean water to drink. God is able to do much with those who are listening to Him and want to see His glory!

### YEAR-TO-DATE

In 2009, we have been blessed to preach the Gospel in 551 different locations to 312,899 people and have witnessed 168,466 make first time decisions for Christ! In addition, we have planted two new churches. Please keep all of our national teams in your prayers as they strive to finish the remainder of their 2009 projects.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

**THE FATHERS HOME** has a special need to buy new clothes and shoes for the 52 children that are in our care. Would you give this some prayer? This would take about \$1,200.

**GHI OVERALL FINANCES** - Would you also give some serious prayer concerning making a special Christmas gift to GHI this December? We are still down about 20% from 2008 and this would greatly enable us to do something for our national teams this Christmas season. And would you continue to pray for us this year with all the global economic upheaval that is going on and with the devaluation of the US dollar which adds to our need in overseas work. In spite of this, we have learned through 32 years of doing this ministry that our God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we could ask or think. He is faithful!

As the Christmas season approaches, we must pause to give thanks to our Father God for His loving gift of His Son over 2,000 years ago. Our prayer for each of you is that you celebrate **within** the wonderful gift of Jesus and that you celebrate **without** as you walk as His ambassadors into a world in need! Celebrations proclaim our joy and what greater joy could anyone have than those who are called "Christians". The angel said, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 10B-11 NIV)

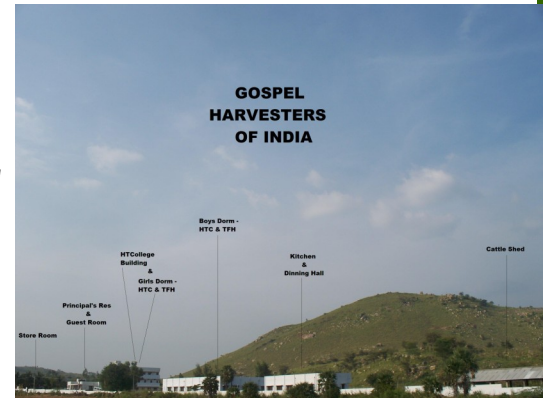
With much love to you all and gratefulness for your continued support throughout these years.

Mack joins me in sending his love during this season of celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Dottie*

"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ."

Frank McKibben



**THE GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD**

BY Hudson Taylor—founder and first General Director of the China Inland Missions

**“Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect Will of God.” (Romans 12:2)**

The very fact that God is God should be sufficient to satisfy us that His will is necessarily good and perfect, and to make it acceptable to us. If infinite Love, possessed of unbounded resources and infinite wisdom, wills anything, how can that Will be other than good and perfect? And if it be not acceptable to us, does it not clearly show that we are wrong and foolish? Our position as true and loving children, redeemed at infinite cost by the mercies of God, should surely constrain us to present our bodies unto God, as living sacrifices, and practically to lay our all upon the altar for His service, seeking only to know and to do His will.

This passage before us indicates very clearly that there is a Will of the World opposed to the Will of God. Each one of us needs, with watchful care, to avoid conformity to the World's will, and to bring us into accord with the Will of God. Theoretically, all Christians will agree with this; but practically, it is often overlooked, or insufficiently recognized.

It is an unlovely thing to see children greedily desiring to obtain all they may from their parents, but caring little to show that loving consideration and sympathy which a true parent's heart must long for. But are we as children of God, sufficiently careful to avoid this evil? May not an unrecognized selfishness enter into our holy things, and even the Deepening of Spiritual Life be sought rather from a desire to increase our spiritual enjoyment than to be more acceptable to God or useful to our fellowmen?

If to be godly means to be Godlike; if to be true Christians means to be Christlike; if to be holy means to be conformed to the Holy Spirit of Promise, then surely we shall not be coveting the highest, but prepared to take the lowest place, if thereby we may bring salvation to the lost and ruined, wherever they may be.

**Prayer Needs:**

- Hungary/Romania Project—November 23—December 10th.
- India Project—January 2010.
- Continued relief from back issues.
- Scheduling for 2010.
- Many friends who are having health problems.
- Continued financial provision for ministry needs.
- Philip Ridenour—a friend who serves in Ghana with great physical needs as well as financial.
- Revival in our land.
- That the Christmas season will honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.