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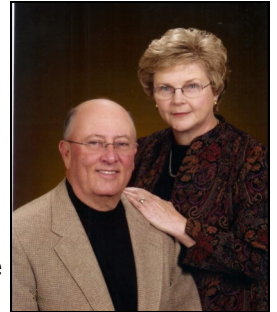
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From Mack

Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

The year has drawn to a close and we are rejoicing in the faithfulness of our God and His allowing us to continue on with ministry month after month. In our February newsletter, we will give you an update on all of GHI for the year 2009 as well as include your 2009 donation receipts.



God has been faithful to us as always and even in the midst of the economic crisis that we all have experienced, the work has gone on and we have been able to cut corners where needed and still reach thousands with the gospel. We love you and thank you for your participation in this ministry. May your New Year be one of great blessing in His name.

Below is our December report directly from Gospel Harvesters India written by James Sundar, our Director for some 20 years and his son, Sam. Even when we are not in India personally, the work continues and you are a vital part of this with your prayers and finances.

Dear Supporters of Gospel Harvesters of India:

I am happy to share the blessing of God that we enjoyed in December-2009. We were able to have ten (10) days of ministry during this time preaching to 2,850 with 1,540 decisions recorded. Please read on.

As you may remember, Gospel Harvesters India does four local projects in a calendar year; two annual projects in partnership with Gospel Harvesters International. But in addition to these six (6) regular, fixed outreaches we have regular day-to-day witnessing by our eight (8) follow-up pastors and our Bible college students doing week end evangelism, discipleship, and Sunday worship ministries in the various church plants.



But apart from all these ongoing ministries December is a special time for harvesting souls. As we prepared for this we had a continuous battle but Christ gave us victory. In order to maximize the Christmas season, first God sets everyone praying for the harvest that is within our reach.

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Gospel preaching through flag hoisting

December started with special programs in seven of our church plants: Keerasath, Kattour, Ramapuram, Goduwaripall, PN Pallayam, Bukkapet and Jayanthi. In our region we have started a tradition of hoisting a flag of the Cross during the Advent season.

Typically one family decides to undertake the expenses of the food and the program as their special thanksgiving offering unto the Lord. They invite their friends and relatives to that function. We understood how important this event is when we saw friends and relatives coming to participate in the function. The whole church will also gather. We saw this in all the seven churches.

During these days, we preached to a total of 750 people and 210 precious decisions were made for Jesus. "God is love" is new concept to the Hindu mind. We preached God's love and appealed to them by asking, "Will anyone reject God's pure love? Rejecting Jesus amounts to rejecting God's amazing love."



Gospel preaching through Carol Rounds

Following on from the flag hoisting, we had carol rounds in the villages, celebrating Christmas by singing carols, distributing cakes and preaching the Gospel message in seven villages.



God had opened new doors this time and we added the village of Somanathapuram. We had been to this village during last month's GHI local ministry and had screened the Jesus Film. Previously the people in this village had never allowed any evangelistic team to preach Christ but they did not object to our coming. We had good response here and this visit was like follow up work to us.

By God's grace through this effort we were able to draw crowds in the nights. We had 1,200 come to

these meetings and we had over 500 decisions. Praise the Lord!

Gospel preaching at the family get together

On 6th December we had Family Christmas get together. We personally visited converted families and handed over the invitation in a printed letter. Thereby we invited unsaved wives, husbands and children in the families.

We had 360 people attend and had 30 new decisions made for Christ.



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God blessed us with two taking baptism and celebration of the Lord's table with our believers. As God promised, He is building His Church. Praise the Lord!

Gospel preaching on Christmas Day



Christmas Day is the biggest event in our church. We invited people from 30 villages and to our great surprise we had more than 1,500 come and some 800 people took personal decisions for Christ.

The children in the Father's Home did a musical of the Christmas story. The kids had been rehearsing since November. It was extremely well done and the message was very powerful.

I thank all the saints who continually pray and support us. You share in the victories with us. Your partnership in the Gospel is very dear to us and it enables us to maintain the preaching of the Gospel that God has called us to.

We wish you a blessed and Happy New Year in 2010.

*Yours for the Gospel of Christ,
Rev. James Sundar & Aaron John Samuel (Sam)*

Again, Dottie and I send our love and blessing to each of you in the coming New Year. We pray that this will be the year that we see revival come to each of our hearts and our country. Just know how we value your prayers and participation in the Gospel with us.

Mack

Prayer Needs:

- India Project—January 14-26, 2010. Pray for Mack and Charlie Ross as they travel from the States.
- Continued relief from back issues for Mack
- 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.
- For some major decisions that need to be made concerning ministry.

