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# GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES

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## **THIRTY YEARS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS AND FAITHFULNESS!**

Thirty years ago this ministry was incorporated and registered as a charity. In 1994 God called Kell to come to India while visiting a large ministry in Odisha. Jesus simply said very clearly: "Kell, will you come here for Me?" It took time seeking God for the courage to say Yes to this call.

What we have realized as we look back over these last 30 years is that when God calls, He joins with us and fully releases all His resources when He has a work for us to do. The last 30 years bear testimony to the grace He has for all of us to love and lift mankind. After several visits in 1997, Kell and Lorri sold their home and gave away their business and vehicles so they could go full time.

Through all these years God has abundantly supplied on this faith venture! With as many as 40 trips to India, Kell and Lorri have lived in India approximately 9 years. There have been many adventures, great challenges, and also dangers. Odisha, and specifically the main district we work in, is the darkest and poorest part of India.

Kell and Lorri have had the privilege of training hundreds of ministers, plus working with a great many teams that have come over the years. Since the year 2000 working with our pastors, approximately 71 churches have been started.



Through Rotary friends we have brought clean drinking water and wells to over 100,000 villagers, along with fish ponds, irrigation projects, medical help to many thousands of children, and many farm and animal husbandry projects. After a great Cyclone disaster we built and repaired a school for 6000 girls in Visakhapatnam. Over the years we have seen over 25 students graduate from university, nursing etc. sponsored by all of you. Most are young people from impoverished backgrounds who have been sponsored from childhood. The ministry has built numerous churches and many children's centres serving many thousands in Odisha. We have educated thousands of children, protecting them by providing safe children homes and child care centres in slums and villages. For 10 years we partnered in rescuing and rehabilitating many young women from the sex slave criminal industry in Nepal. In the last years we fed many hundreds of families during Covid lockdowns. And recently we have started rescuing and looking after destitute widows in Odisha, a great need in India. Over the years our family in India has increased a hundredfold with the many leaders and children we lived with and worked with. This year will be our most blessed and productive year ever. Many projects have been finished.



Recently we added 15 amazing young men to be full time evangelists as well providing help with the Odisha ministry needs. They are being trained by Kell and our main leaders.

Lorri's books on the gospel have been translated into the local Oriya language to be used for teaching. Recently these young guys came to our headquarters in Visakhapatnam for training. They left with great encouragement.

We see the fruit of the love of God and the gospel in the main district where we work. Fifteen years ago this was a dangerous field. Now it is very safe. We have brought many large teams that have fallen in love with the people and connected with them in ongoing friendships. We have worked as large team very faithfully over so many years. We definitely are very excited and look forward to many more years of fruitful ministry!

Kell's sister sent the meaning of his name (ie an old Norse name) which means 'Into the Spring'. It is about new beginnings, embracing change and bringing new life into the world. It reminds us of our Lord being the Vine continually releasing His life in us no matter what age we are. The dark district that was so dark now shines very bright. It is alive with the eternal Spring of Life which Jesus promises!!

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