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Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas!

Christmas is the time to remember the greatest miracle of all time - the wonderful gift God gave to the world in joining with humanity through the baby Jesus. This mystery wasn't even fully understood by the angels in heaven, who looked on in wonder at the little Saviour lying in a manger. Little did they know that God would create a brand new creation through this heaven-sent infant. Jesus was the best gift God could give and at Christmas we have the privilege of emulating His love through sharing our blessings with others, connecting with family and friends, and expressing gratitude to God. We, at Grace Life, are especially thankful for our amazing sponsors and donors who have shown the Christmas spirit over and over again in blessing and helping the poor in India. May this Christmas and New Year bring you joy and fulfillment, along with peace, prosperity, and good health. Thank-you for your love and compassion.

We have had an amazing year!

First of all, we'd like to express gratitude to many of our oldest friends and supporters who have passed away this year. They now watch from the other side as God continues to use Grace Life Ministries to touch many in India.

Christmas Gifts to Widows



We work together with Shining Trust, India and one of the main leadership couples, Blandina and Srinu, will be making regular monthly trips to Odisha to oversee the widows project. They just disbursed early Christmas gifts to about 40 widows in the form of blankets and knitted hats. The daycare children from 2 villages received hoodies and sweaters. The Phulbani hills can get very cold at night so these early gifts were much appreciated. Our church family put on a fundraiser which went toward these needs.

The Gift of the Gospel

God has been doing great things in the village of Kasini Padar. Karuna, Srinu, and Basya recently baptized 10 more villagers which means the village is now entirely

Christian. What a difference from 25 years ago when Karuna, who now leads Shining Trust, was the only Christian and was greatly persecuted for his faith. Our main focus is to bring the love of Jesus and provide more opportunity for many more villages to hear the the gospel. There is much work to be done in the way of teaching, church planting, and oversight of the various projects designed to lift the villages above poverty.



The Next "Timothies"



We are are very excited for the 14 young men who have been chosen to become the next "Timothies" serving the ministry. They will receive training in the field and at Visak headquarters so that they become fruitful harvesters. In this way we can multiply the ministry. Grace Life will support them during the dry months so that they can be fully involved in ministry. They will be helping to bring practical aid to break poverty through wells, agriculture, irrigation, installation of electricity, building fences, etc. Please pray and consider sponsoring this project.

Education



We have chosen 2 girls from the villages to take general nursing. We already have 2 others in degree nursing. Tina, Karuna's daughter, has a sponsor who has made it possible for her to be in pre med in order to become a paediatric doctor. We also have some very special young men who have graduated from university staying at the Visak center. They will stay for 2 years as they pursue their careers and help carry the load of the ministry. Two more are pursuing a university education and some others are now in college.

Children's Hostel



We have taken a number of new boys into the home care program (picture on the left.) They stay at the main centre. The home girls are in a great school and thriving there.

The daycares (picture on the right) are running well in the 2 slums. The pandemic opened great doors of favour to the ministry as we fed 400 families throughout the lockdowns. All the children have nice uniforms, school, bags, etc. and have a lot of fun. They are taught about Christ, receive tuition, and snacks, and gather 7 days a week.

Christmas will soon be here and we like to provide the usual Christmas parties with good food and gifts for the children in Visakhapatnam and also in the Odisha villages. It is a very important time for all and is much anticipated. There will be a nice feast and the gospel of God's amazing love will be shared with all. Thank-you ALL for your love and generosity! Have a wonderful Christmas!

Blessings from the India and the Canada team of Grace Life Ministries!

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