



GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES



Christmas Greetings from Grace Life Ministries

First of all we wish to thank all our sponsors for standing with us during a very stretching year. God has blessed us above and beyond all expectations! Thank you very much for your generosity!!

Things have returned to near normal in India. We are able to run our child care centres again. The children are able to attend school in person. Our university students learn on line, plus have some classes. We have the largest group in post secondary education that we have ever had. Five of our students will graduate this spring. We have a new batch in their first year we are very excited to report that we have now 3 girls studying for nursing degree. Two of these girls are from Odisha from the churches. This is a very great opportunity for them. Not one from these very poor villages have ever been able to have this opportunity. All those who graduate will spend 2 years working for the ministry before continuing with their careers.



We know all these young men and women very well. They are like family! We pray that they would deeply catch a heart for India. Our graduates from past years have all found good jobs. Their lives are permanently changed!

(Some of our teens seen here. The others returned home for the Diwali holidays.)

We have been able to do some renovations on Eve centre with a vestibule to protect from the heavy rains and a new brick structure for the water tank. The new main church is finished with full capacity. From this writing in the next few weeks we will have another church building which will also be available for the community to use for village functions. Our believers continue to see rapid growth with many coming to Christ and God confirming His word with miracles and healings. Recently 3 village women were ill with Covid. One was seriously ill. We arranged for medical help but as the church prayed God had a better plan. All three were healed and are now back working!

We are very excited to report that we have started a new ministry. At present we have 9 widows that we look after making sure they have safe dwelling, food, medical and proper clothing blankets, beds etc. We select ones who have no family to take care of them. The church leaders make sure they are safe and well taken care of. All in all this has been a great year. Thanks for your prayers and support.



A Time to Pray:

In this newsletter I wanted to focus on prayer and how very important it is for us to have God's protection, favour and wisdom as we run the ministry. I will briefly share one sad story. Nakish was a young very courageous 16 year old pastor. He was threatened by radicals not to preach or encourage his believers. He was in the market place and a group of young men came and doused him with acid. He was burned on 90% of his body. He was in horrible pain for 6 weeks until God took him home to a martyrs reward. I recently spoke to one of our main leaders that went through the great Christian persecutions in Odisha 13 years ago. Many were killed. Yet in all of this God produced a strong courageous church that we work with now. In a very innocent humble way he shared how God did so many miracles. All the churches and homes of believers that were destroyed have now been rebuilt better than before.

In the book of Acts, the Christians of the early church cried out to God and brought their fear to Him. God answered their prayer. His presence shook their building. The Holy Spirit came upon them and they preached the gospel with great boldness. The result was that the church grew dramatically!! In the most difficult places in India the church meets every day for prayer. There are tremendous 24 hour prayer centres in the key cities in India. Let us join these prayer warriors to see our God establish His kingdom in these hard places.



Prayer from Ephesians 3:16 “ I(Paul) pray that out of all His glorious riches you may have His Power in your inner man, also that with all God’s people you would grasp how greatly God’s love is and to know this love - that surpasses knowledge- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fulness of God! He is able to do immeasurably more than we can even ask or think according to His peer that is at work within us!”

The power is not only miracles; it is also moral power that changes people and power (as we see in Ephesians 6: 10-20) to conquer evil in high places so that the gospel may be preached clearly and boldly. God gives us His great love and power. He invites us to pray and believe Him for this.

May all of you have a great Christmas! We convey our love and blessings to all of you!