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# Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Around the World

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One Life at a Time

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A special Thank you to those who have donated Bibles for our local ministry work.

We also want to publicly thank Boulder Creek Academy in Bonners Ferry, ID for their generous donation of winter boots and liners for those who can't afford them in this area, yet need to keep their feet warm in the winter.

## What God has been doing Through His Faithful Servants

### Philippines—Report from Bishop Benito Pacleb

We want to praise and thank God for His goodness. The year 2009 has past and we thank God for the souls that are added to His kingdom. We had crusades in the island of Cebu and new churches are born in this island. God's grace and mercies have been revealed for His people. The newborn church in Barili, Cebu is just a few months old. After the crusade, there were **more than 50 people** that **committed themselves to God**. Only a few months passed and many were baptized in the Holy Spirit! Now, the church is growing and has reached over a hundred in attendance. We are looking forward to more expansion in the island of Cebu . We are praying that we can open in the center of the city of Cebu . Please pray with us. We believe that many more will be saved in that big city.

Please know that we are always praying for you and the work of the Lord that you are doing in any part of the globe.

### Cameroon—Ptr. Nangah

Praise the Lord with us for the mighty works He is using us to do. Though serious persecution we have been facing for the past weeks, we thank God for the work He is doing through us.

Yesterday, a Muslim family we went to for deliverance the other day, finally gave their lives to Christ. They are now looking forward to going to church and to be baptized. We pray for your continued support in prayers for the work we are doing and the resent persecution. Continue to stay blessed in Jesus' name.

### Cameroon—Ptr. Edward During Mission Trip in March, 2010, to Liberia

"I met this young man on the streets as I was doing my work in Monrovia, Liberia pushing a wheel barrow selling used clothes and just making about \$ 2 a day. The interesting thing in this story is that his wheel barrow had no tire. He was just pushing it on its rims many miles around the city. When I saw him, I was moved and asked him, 'Why don't you have a tire on your barrow?' His reply was, 'I do not have the money to buy one.' The Lord told me to buy him a new tire and tub which will make it much easier to go around the city to sell his goods with less pain. I did lead him to the Lord and prayed for him by the road side."



## 500 NEW believers in Kurnool, India after LAF gave the Gospel, rice & Bibles to Flood Victims + Below

### India—Ptr. Emmanuel Lodge

"Thanks for your prayer and support. Because of your prayer & support, God continues to bless our ministry every day. I am delighted to share with you that 4 more people took baptism on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010. They are all from Non - Christian backgrounds. I have attached their baptism photos. Please continue to remember these people & our ministry in your daily prayer. We need your valuable support and prayer."



### India—Sadhu Sundar

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan., 2010 to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, Love and Compassion Ministries (LCM) received the blessing of baptizing 24 new believers. Sadhu sends "very many thanks for uplifting LCM in your prayers to do the right and humble work for Kingdom." Taking photos often results in persecution from the anti conversion activists. But, he was able to get us a few.



### India—Ptr. Praveen and Renu

On April 3, 2010, Praveen sent us this amazing and wonderful ministry news. Read and be blessed.

**PRAISE #1:** A boy, about 21 years old, belonging to a nominal Christian family, was possessed by evil spirits. He had been living in Haridwar City, a famous Hindu holy pilgrimage city in India. About April 1<sup>st</sup>, he came back to his home and began to beat his younger brother. He sometimes tried to hang himself on the ceiling fan and did many evil things. His mother called Renu (Praveen's wife) on the phone, requesting help, so Renu went to him, confirming that he was demon possessed. She prayed and at last cast out the evil spirit from him. Praise the Lord!! In the evening Praveen asked the boy to come to his house. He came and Praveen could see clearly that the demon spirits were gone from the boy. Together they prayed, thanking God for all His wonders and miracles, which he still performs today. The results are very good, as the whole family as well as their neighbors saw proof of our living God and His power and how the devil trembles before Jesus.

A word from Ptr. Praveen: "So as we preach the gospel it is important to remember that one of the main reasons God's spirit has been given is to confirm His Word through the Gifts of the Spirit. The Greek word for witness in Matt 24:14 is 'maturion', which means 'something evidential, with proof, with evidence'. In other words, something to verify its authenticity. Therefore, Christianity without miracles cannot prove that Jesus is alive, among Non or pseudo Christians.

**"PRAISE #2:** Nowadays God is miraculously answering our prayers for building up His kingdom. Bible distribution is also part of their ministry and about 6 years ago, they gave a full Bible to a nominal Christian couple during their marriage ceremony, (the groom's name is Manoj), as they were also invited in this wedding. The Father of Manoj is a Police Inspector. His mother came from a Hindu background, spending her life in heathen and witchcraft activities. She is a horrible women. The whole family is far away from God and whatever wickedness they can do, they do. But one month ago, his father got in a major car accident in which both legs were broken, as well as one hand and three ribs. Now he has come home from the hospital.

Manoj's grand mother went to see her son's condition, as he had been working 300 KMs away. So, when Renu cast out the demonic spirit recently, she was also there and believed in Jesus. The morning of April 5<sup>th</sup>, she came to Praveen and Renu and told them that the Bible which they had given to her son's family (their newly married son) they now found. They had kept it inside their house but never read it. This was the only Bible they had. Now, with great zeal the whole family is reading and praying and they now believe that there is God and He is real. The lady has left all witchcraft activities and is coming near to Jesus. Manoj's father is in bed and hears the Bible. PRAISE GOD! God is doing His work among such wicked people to win them. Praveen and Renu had been constantly interceding in prayer for this family and now after 6 years, God has answered their prayers. Halleluiah! Please pray for this families growth in their new found Faith.

Many times before giving a Bible to somebody, Satan immediately brings negative thoughts like, "will he or she read it or not?" "Will they respect it or not?" "Will they persecute us?" Etc. But, God's Word says, *"So is my word that goes out from my mouth, it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:11)

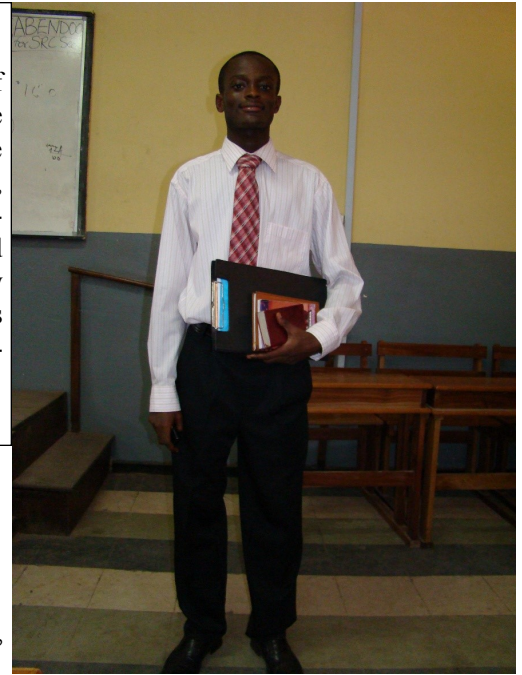
### Ghana Update— Gideon Amoako Sarpong

Gideon recently accompanied Bro. John in Tumu in the Upper West Region of Ghana for a very successful and beneficial ministry trip for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this area that is in so much spiritual darkness. They were able to help 7 specific students named Gaetan, Samuel, Alfred, Abraham, Bapun, Atiku, and Tingan with physical food (gari, sugar, and milk powder) and most importantly with spiritual food in the form of Youth Home Success Fellowship and Bible study materials. Bro. John is continuing the work with these students so they will grow in their knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ and what He has done for them. We want to continue to work in this area. We pray for God's provision in this area.

### Thoughts from Gideon

## THE CALL FOR SAINTLY COMMITMENT TO GOOD READING

The reading of good books is not only a privilege but an obligation, and the habitual reading of poor ones a positive tragedy. – **A.W Tozer**



The somewhat hackneyed saying that “readers are leaders,” without question, accords perfectly well with the faith handed down to the saints; which faith we are obliged to “earnestly contend for.” Surely the apostolic exhortation for young Timothy to “give attendance to reading” was not an aberration. I have, with much uneasiness, taken notice of the declining habit of good reading amongst brethren. Such unfortunate phenomenon can be attributed to a new unbalanced teaching on knowledge as a sure bar to divine revelation. A distinction here would do much good. God frowns on knowledge acquired for the purpose of furthering vain ends. This knowledge adds no value to the human soul and hence no usefulness in the kingdom. On another terrain, Scriptures admonish Christians to grow in the knowledge of the Lord and to add knowledge to other essential Christian virtues. God even, at a point in time, ascribed the cause of Israel’s destruction to a dearth and calculated rejection of knowledge. From this, we can rightly conclude that deliberate ignorance is something that God frowns upon.

Bearing in mind the unique heritage of the church with regards to sound teaching, I humbly counsel all to arrest any apparent slide into the cesspool of scriptural shallowness. “And this will we do, if God permits,” by committing ourselves to the reading of edifying Christian literature. I strongly believe that the average Christian must be able to clearly state and explain among other things, the fundamental doctrines of the faith; the redemptive purpose of God in Christ and the utter necessity of holy living. Through a consistency of prayer, Bible study and reading of good Christian literature, we should be able to separate that which is chaff from the wheat. The present abundance of ‘impressive’ teachings totally out of line with New Testament beliefs only makes this the more urgent. An invasion of motivational speakers on pulpits has resulted in a beaten-down Gospel, bringing about material riches and an accompanying spiritual destitution.

There is the need to ‘resurrect’ cherished and useful Christian classics and writings by men like Wesley, Spurgeon, Tozer, Ravenhill, to name just a few. That Jesus ‘knew’ letters, “having never learned”, signals the essentiality of personal development in any ministry to the lost (albeit prayer is all-encompassing). A due attention to good reading will usher us into an unprecedented spiritual maturity and a preparedness to pray for God to grant us “the tongue of the learned... to speak a word in season to him that is weary...” And above all things, I pray that God will put us into remembrance, the exhortation that speaketh unto us as unto children: “Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord and read...” and “study to show yourself approved unto God...”

Let us endeavor to balance zeal with knowledge by committing ourselves to good and profitable reading. Our spirituality certainly demands it, and we will be wise not to overlook it.

“...Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.” – Apostle Paul, speaking of the Holy Scriptures.



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School supplies donated for poor children in  
Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines



**Philippines — Rupert Buscato, LAF Overseer Philippines**

On March 22, 2010 Rupert received a generous donation of school supplies for children who's families could not afford them, which is MUCH appreciated. At 4 AM, April 21st, just prior to the beginning of the new school term, Rupert and his daughter, Faith, got up, and prepared for the 45 travel by sikad, then jeepney to Mambatangan Elementary School (one of the poorest schools) where they have 700 students below poverty level. (99% are not able to eat 3 X a day, and do not have modest shelter, education, clothing, or medical attention). The son of the contact teacher, Royet, also joined them during transit. Many students at this school regularly come to school hungry with pains too much to study well, so the teachers will prepare something for them to eat from the school garden they planted or food purchased from the teacher's own meager wages. Knowing these children don't get nearly as much food as their growing bodies need, Faith and Royet thought it good to give the children some food when they bring the school supplies for the children at the school to share, so before the delivery date, they set out to ask close friends and relatives to donate something to help them have some food to cook for these children. Praise God, they were able to raise 1000 pesos (\$27.72USD) for this cause, and were able to provide some nutritious food for all the children there that day (many students were not yet attending classes, as the regular term begins in June), which made the children VERY happy and the teachers, too. Seeing how many children they could help with so little, the idea of a feeding program was born in their hearts, with full approval of the teachers who daily see the positive difference in learning ability for the students who have gotten to eat versus those who didn't. Rupert's calculations show they can feed all these children once a week, a nice meal of rice, meat or eggs, and vegetables for only 8650 php (\$196.59 USD), which would only require 20 people to donate \$10 a week or 10 people to donate \$20 a week to make this project a reality for these children, which would encourage them to come to school and improve their ability to learn. A special thanks to all of Rupert's friends who have already committed to give \$20 to initiate this feeding program. We will start it as soon as we have enough donations actually sent in for the first week. May God bless the gifts and the givers abundantly. Please pray that the seeds planted for the Kingdom of God when the school supplies and food was given will go into fertile soil and grow, and these children and teachers will come to know Jesus as their Savior.

**India— Praise Reports from Bro. Hayagreev, Director of Good Shepherd's Home Ministry in Narsapur**

For almost 3 years Bro. Hayagreev Suri has been traveling to the village of Lacheswaram, a large village that is completely against Jesus Christ. He has been telling them about Jesus and Praise God, one family has now accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Again, he shared about Jesus in two homes by the road (picture above) and many more cried and prayed, asking Jesus to save them. They are praying for a place to meet together for fellowship and Bible teaching.

Only a few days ago, God worked a miracle for a woman, named Merry, in Koperu village, after she surrendered her life to Jesus. She was on the verge of committing suicide because of a pending divorce and 8 years of beatings and verbal abuse from her husband's family, when Bro. Hayagreev encouraged her to put her life in Jesus' hands and pray. She did and God worked a miracle. She had to appear before the village elders and both her family and his were there, most of them accusing her of being a very bad woman, etc. Then the village elders asked her what justice she wanted, she said she loves her husband and wants to live with him, and her husband on hearing these words of love from her, came to her and hugged her and told her he also loves her and the village elders essentially said that no one was to try to split them apart any more and there would be no divorce because they love each other. Then the joyous couple came to the church giving glory to God for healing their marriage and giving them life both in Jesus and with each other.