



LIFE Aid Foundation, a Vision Ministry

Formerly Christian Discipleship International (CDI)

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Christian Relief Workers Aid Tsunami Victims

Reported by Pastor Paul Ciniraj, Kottayam, India and Bro. Haya-greev Suri, Narsapur, India.

Pastor Paul sent this report along with many heart wrenching pictures taken directly at the scene near his home. "I'm unable to describe about the Tsunami and the big earthquake, the most horrible scenes I've ever seen. I'm so much tired in mind and body. Our evangelists and pastors are involved in relief work. We badly need your prayers. Also whatever you can send, please send for these suffering people. Ask your churches, fellowships, relatives, family members, subordinates, friends, prayer warriors etc. to pray and help for our relief work. We know you're praying for us, our ministry and the believers in India. This is a most needed time to help in restoring their lives."

Mere words can NOT express the horrific devastation left in the wake of the tsunami; literally thousands of dead bodies waiting to be claimed by relatives. However, these things should not come as a surprise to believers, since they are foretold in Mt. 24:7 says "There will be famines and earthquakes in various



Christian relief worker (above), burning dead bodies to curb disease & feeding survivors (below).

places." Luke 21:11 says "There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven." Our ministers are seizing this opportunity to show God's love to the survivors, who have lost clothes, food, house, means of livelihood. This is also our chance to give to Jesus, according to Mt. 25:31-46. Pastor Paul has informed us that most of the help given through organizations is given only to Muslims or Hindus. We will get it directly to the pastors we know and trust personally, who, along

with their fellow believers are working night and day to bring some relief and show God's love to these people. Check the back page for ways you can be sure your help will go to fellow believers.



(Left) Giving food to the survivors.

(Below) Burning dead bodies 100 at a time.



CDI has expanded and has a NEW name: LIFE Aid Foundation, A Vision Ministry

Thanks to all of you who have been reading the Christian Discipleship International (CDI) newsletters and read our reports of what God has been allowing us to do for him the past 3 years. We thank you for your prayers. God has indeed heard all of our prayers for his blessing on this ministry he has called us into. In

fact, it has expanded in scope so much this past year that we felt it imperative to seek status as a Christian non profit 501(c)(3) Foundation, for two reasons.

1. To protect ourselves since God has blessed us with regular sponsors for some of the children and Mike and I (Londa) are not able to pay taxes on the gifts

that come through our account. 2. It benefits you, in that all contributions to LIFE Aid Foundation are now tax deductible. **Praise God! We have been approved and accepted as a Vision Ministry under our new name of LIFE Aid Foundation.**

Thanks for all your prayers!!

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Special points of interest:

- Thousands have come to know Jesus as their personal Savior already due to God's love shown through His people doing relief work. (80% of relief workers in India are Christians.)
- CDI is now LIFE Aid Foundation, a Vision Ministry
- More Sponsors Needed for Orphans
- Many saved through Ministry to Street families in Philippines

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Bring love, hope and a future to a hurting child!

Samuel(7) Vasantha(8), and Vanitha(15) at GSH in India Need Sponsors

These three children are brother and sisters. Their parents are very, very poor and they work on daily wages (which are extremely low), and sometimes cannot go to work, because their father worked for a rich man, He had been working there for 15 years when suddenly their father was thrown out by the rich man, because he asked for money, since the rich man had not given him proper wages for 15 years. Those 15 years with very little pay and hard work took a huge toll on him, so now his health is not good and he is unable to feed his family,

They have a mother, also. She cried in front of Hayagreev saying, "I'm not able to feed my family, and how can I feed my mother, and I cannot be able to buy my

medicines, also, so, I hope I may die, and I don't know what will happen to my children, and I beg you take my children and whenever I have some time I will spend that time with my children." So she left her children with Hayagreev. Now she is not feeling well. She has some serious physical problems. She also drinks alcohol. That is how these children came to live at GSH with Hayagreev and the other orphans.

Before coming to GSH, these children went without food for many days at a time, because of their father's bad health, which made him unable to go to work. All the family was dependent on one man. Praise God the Lord saved these loving children.



Vanitha, Vasantha, and Samuel

Ghandi(13) and Jyothi(14) need sponsors to love and care for them



This brother and sister are children of VERY poor parents. Gandhi (13 yrs.) has just passed to 8th grade in school and Jyothi (14 yrs.) has passed to 9th grade. Their father is a rickshaw driver. (A rickshaw is like

a bicycle with 3 wheels and pedals. It does not have a motor, He has to drive it like a bicycle, and transport other people in it for pay, like a pedaled taxi). Now he is not able to drive it because he became very, very weak, He has a problem with his liver and heart. He always gets coughs. So, nobody was there to care for these children. Jyothi, when she was very small, started working as a laborer in houses, Her father cried, not wanting his little children to work in the houses as a Laborer. Hayagreev visited their house, and their father told him all the problems

"My children are suffering and I'm not able to feed them," their father cried.

he was having. He cried in front of Hayagreev, saying, "My children are suffering and I am not able to feed them" So Hayagreev took them home with him.

Tulasi needs a sponsor to care!

Tulasi is 14 years old. She is very innocent. She behaves like a child who doesn't understand what is wrong and right. She has 2 brothers and a mother. Her mother has mental problems and her father died 7 - 8 years ago. He was an alcoholic, who Bro. Hayagreev knew very well. He always used to drink and fall on roads. Somebody would pick him up and leave him at his house.. he died like that. Now Tulasi's 2 brothers work for daily wages One brother is like his father; he gets drunk often. Both brothers got married, but they don't care for their mother or

Tulasi. This went on for 3 years.. so Tulasi started working in houses and feeding her mother; Bro. Hayagreev brought her to his home to feed her and provide an education. Now she is fine, but her mother's mental health is not good. She has some problems. Sometimes she beats and scratches everyone who goes to her... this is the problem, but when she sees Bro. Hayagreev, praise God, she keeps both hands together and says, "You are lovely and you are the son of Jesus." She never acts or speaks rudely to him. She expressed that both of her



sons are not looking after her, not feeding her, Bro. Hayagreev does what Jesus would do and shares with her whatever God has provided for he and his orphans. Tulasi is now in 10th grade.

Sharing God's Love in Remote Villages in India and the Philippines

Johndy Lumayog reports from the Philippines, "I've just come back from the mountains with my church youth and members. God is so faithful to us. Even as we started walking through the mountains, the rain poured and made the way so slippery. But with God's grace, after almost a 3hr. walk, we all reached the site where tribal people were so excited as they welcomed us. We stayed there for 2 nights and 3 days. We're so glad as we met the people there with zeal for the Lord, as they sang praises to God in the evening and early in the morning. We really enjoyed helping them by giving some relief goods as Christmas gifts for them. They were so grateful. The amazing adventure goes on as we went home to the city, passing another way which is so difficult and so far from the highway going to the city. We're so tired and weary, but God still sustained us and let us go home safe and secure."

(Johndy & Pastor Paul are 2 ministers we help support through prayer & finances by God's grace..)

Pastor Paul Ciniraj and his family in India minister in many remote villages including Hinduppara Colony, situated on the border of two states of India on a rock. More than 300 people (about 60 families) live in this colony. He says, "All the people are very, very poor. They earn daily for their life. Usually they are jobless and without income for more than 15 days of a month. Most are illiterate. The way of living is not hygienic. There is no electricity, no telephone and not even to drink purified water. They drink from a country well. Tin bottle lamps and lanterns with kerosene oil are their lights."

There was not a single believer of Christ within 20 miles of the colony. There are not easy ways to travel there. By the grace of God Pastor Paul's



ministry team reached that interior remote area about five years ago and started Bible class as well as educating adults. Many were interested and started

attending the classes. Now many in that colony are believers in Jesus. They provide medicines, clothes and children's education. Decent housing and clean drinking water is needed.



Hindapurra Village and Literacy Class

Fighting in Nepal Creates 100's of Orphans and a Hunger for the Truth

"From both sides (Government and Maoist) people are killing each day."
Bro. Arjun, Kathmandu, Nepal

As Christians, we are instructed in both Col. 4:5 and Eph. 15 & 16 to be careful how we live, being wise by making the most of every opportunity. Even though Nepal is the only official Hindu country of the world, we are privileged to be working currently with 5 Christian brothers who don't hesitate to obey those commands. They are happy to daily take the risk of torture, imprisonment, or death in order to let their fellow Nepalese know of God's amazing love for them. We have been praying with them for God's provision for orphanages all over Nepal as well as more opportunities to creatively spread the Gospel. Bro. Arjun and his wife have already founded a small orphanage in their own home. Dhan and Phebe are providing education and other help for several children and widows. They also went to very remote villages telling about Jesus and establishing churches. All of them have used the Christmas season as an opportunity by inviting non believers to share a good meal or come for tea during which, they share the story of Jesus. They are very creative and

are careful to treat all castes as equal.

We'd like you to meet these outstanding examples within the Body of Christ who are making the most of every opportunity and taking care of the widows and orphans in their distress (James 1:27) to the best of their abilities. [Dhan telling the women at the grain mill about Jesus. (Below)] (He has just come to the USA at CFNI in TX for add'l training.



[Dhan & friend are hiking to a remote village in Nepal to tell them about Jesus.]

They trust God daily for food, clothes and shelter for themselves and those they have opened their hearts and homes to.

Silvanus Bhandari
 Kathmandu, Nepal



Pastor Chandra Poudel and his wife in Kathmandu, Nepal (rt.)

Deepak & family from Pokhara, Nepal -below



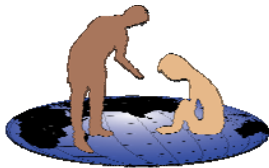
Orphans at Gentle Hearts Children's Home (GHCH), Kathmandu, Nepal with house parents Bro. Arjun and his wife, above & right.

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Missions Statement

We endeavor to provide charitable services to the public in the areas of funding for learning and language education, provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, empower and assist the underprivileged, provide meaningful work for those in need, inspire and inform people of ways to improve and make a positive difference in their own lives and others around them. We believe it does little good just to talk about the injustices and poverty in our world unless we are willing to do something to make a positive difference in people's daily lives. We do all as unto our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At LIFE Aid Foundation, we endeavor to follow the guidelines found in Matthew 25:35, 36 & 40 (NIV) where Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.... The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Isaiah 58:6-9 (NIV)

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen; to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I."

Cebuano Bibles donated for the Street Family Ministry in the Philippines Producing a Great Harvest in the Kingdom of God!!

Thanks to all of you who helped buy 120 Bibles in Cebuano for ministry to the street families in Davao City, Philippines. Pastor Vic Cainhog and Marissa & Paul Killgore have been heading up this ministry and the reports we've been getting on the project are thrilling. Here's a few. This past Dec., over 200 children and mothers from these areas accepted the invitation to participate in a Christ-



Children and mothers hearing about Jesus

Many whole families have come to know Jesus as their personal Savior through this Bible ministry, including the ones pictured in col-



umn 2, above, by their shanty, holding their new Bibles close to them.

One of these families is Sionay Canonio's family, pictured in the next column. She and her husband lived near the area in the street in one village where church's ministry team were telling about Jesus each Saturday and sharing their food. They were Muslim, as most are there, but they couldn't help but hear the Praise Songs and the Bible stories. After a few months both parents accepted

Jesus as their Savior. The Word of God is powerful and was planted deep in their hearts. They were told they would be given a Bible in their own language for their family if they



would commit to a Bible Study in their home (shanty) every week. They were very happy to do that and started growing rapidly in their new walk with the Lord along with their children. This past Dec., Sionay's husband was shot and killed, probably by a Muslim who was angry about the family converting to Christianity. Although this is very hard for Sionay and the children, they now have a hope and know they will spend eternity with him. Thanks for all of you who have been praying for this family of new believers and for the financial gift that was sent to help Sionay & the children, both priceless gifts.