

5th of Jan 2005

Ashray Bhavan



Field News – Nov & Dec 2004

Kabul Visit

Chandy and Mariamma's visit to Kabul after 24 years for a week from the 16th November 2004 with Dr. James Thomas, Cardiac surgeon. This will strengthen the present activities of WIN and Hope Hospital. It will also enhance future plans to hold heart camps and to help heart patients to be brought to India for surgeries and treatment. One young widow "Nasreen" has been identified for open heart surgery to save her life. She is the mother of 3 children under the age of five years. Earnest prayers and generous financial donations are required for the accomplishment of the above projects.



Chandy & Mariamma with Jamal

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Christmas & New Year Celebration

Christmas 2004 and New Year 2005 was jointly celebrated on 2nd January at Ashray Bhavan. This was organized as desired by some local Govt. officials, NGO's and village leaders who attended the Christmas celebration of 2003 where in Mr. L.S.M. Salins, Divisional Commissioner gave the Christmas message. Mr. Salins is a respected and widely recognized Christian leader in the

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bureaucratic circles. Rev. Devender Varma, the Chairman of SPIN and Pastor of Delhi Bible Fellowship gave the message. The DBF Church choir and Ashray Bhavan boys sang Hindi and English Christmas carols. It was a good occasion to share the “Good News” to such a gathering from diverse backgrounds. The Government officials highly appreciated the work Ashray Bhavan is doing and promised to render all moral support. The Secretary of Red Cross, Faridabad promised to donate a bicycle to Ashray Bhavan.



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Tsunami and Our support

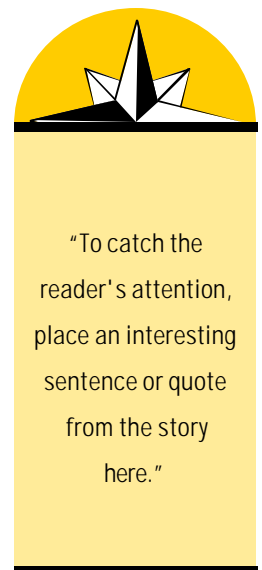
Five minutes of silence was observed to remember the Tsunami victims at the start of the meeting. A suggestion came from the local Govt. office to accept some orphan boys from the Tsunami affected areas. The Board considered the seriousness of the matter and decided to accept five orphan boys. A letter was sent to the Relief Commissioner, Tsunami Relief operations channeled through the Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad for further directions in the matter.

Additional Land Development

A tube well has been installed in the land adjacent to Ashray Bhavan. We were able to buy this piece of land with the help of grants received from donors. The irrigated land would be used for growing grass and fodder for the cow. We are in the process of preparing a budget to buy more land that is available to build a Vocational Training unit for the boys in AB and also to train some youths from the surrounding villages and begin some income generating programmes for this project to be self sustainable.



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Children`s Update & Village Outreach

Children`s Update

All 26 boys are doing well academically and growing in the Lord. Five of them are preparing for Board Examination in the 5th, 8th and 9th grades to be held in April. The half yearly exams began from the 2nd week of December. Results are awaited. The Lord has graciously provided all the needs of the home bountifully this far. Five orphans boys are expected from Tsunami affected areas very soon. Preparations are to be made for their equipping for education and career.



Village Outreach

Blankets were distributed on the 26th of December to elderly men and women through the village Headman and other village elders. Because of Tsunami tragedy more supplies of blankets were dispatched to the victims in the affected areas. We are planning to organize regular medical assistance programmes in a small scale in the beginning to the people in the surrounding villages through partnership with another NGO for which a dialogue has been initiated.



Ministry to Refugees

SPIN centre in Delhi has been the backbone of our ministry since 1983 through which many Afghan and Iranian refugees have found salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. TWR has withdrawn partnership a year ago. We need a partner to fill the gap so that the centre can continue to be retained for discipling Refugees and for the weekly gathering for believers. Bro. Ibrahim continues to do Radio programmes in Pashtu. Dr. Siddiqui a new believer, is very ill with the cancer spreading to his lungs. He needs your prayer support.



Cross Cultural Orientation and Training (COT)

The VIIIth COT exclusively for women will be held in Feb 2005 for which candidates are being enlisted from the Northern region of India. U.P has 15% population of Neighbours only. The first batch will be selected from Rae Bareilly through Pastor Sharma who has a successful ministry in that area.

Pastor Hial is involved in Church planting ministry in Orissa and Pastor Jai Narayan in the villages surrounding Meja Khas in Allahabad. People are being reached through Non-formal education as well as regular schools.



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For Praise

1. Praise God for Chandy and Mariamma's visit to Kabul after 24 years. Praise God all that has been accomplished and for the people that they met there.
2. Praise God for the Annual Christmas and New Year gathering at Ashray Bhavan and for the message that was shared.
3. Praise God for the newly installed Tube well in the land lying adjacent to AB that was purchased recently. We were able to sow seeds for growing fodder for the cow at AB.
4. Praise God for the boys at AB and the exams that went well.
5. Praise God all providing all our needs in a miraculous way in 2004.
6. Praise God for all who generously gave towards the ministries of Ashray Bhavan in 2004.
7. Praise God for the seekers and believers that gather at the SPIN centre in Delhi week after week.
8. Praise God for restoring Dr. Siddiqui. He was almost sinking in early December. He is under Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy for cancer that has spread to his lungs. He is still very weak.
9. Praise and thank the Lord for pastor Hial and Pastor Jai Narayan who are laboring for the Lord in the unreached areas of our country.



For Prayer

1. Pray for Nasreen in Kabul who needs an immediate heart surgery to restore the condition of her heart. Pray for the many people who would be approached for financial help in this matter.
2. Pray for the many Afghan believers in Kabul, Delhi and other places. Pray that the Lord would keep them safe.
3. Pray for Dr. Siddiqui. The cancer has spread to his lungs. His wife and four children are very worried. They need prayers and encouragement.
4. Pray for all the boys in AB. The winter is severe. Pray for protection from sickness and ill health.
5. Pray for the letter that has gone to the Tsunami Relief Commissioner in Chennai, that he will react positively.
6. Pray for the only women COT course to be held in February. Pray that the Lord would bring the right candidates.

