

India Updates

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In the July 2014 newsletter we shared the story of a devastating fire in India that resulted in the loss of homes for sixty-eight families. Two of the families were pastors that Global Outreach helps to support.



Pastor Daniel and his wife send their thanks for assistance in rebuilding their home after the fire left them homeless

Many of you responded generously to that need and in addition to helping supply clothing and blankets to the affected community, we were also able to provide funds to rebuild homes for the pastors. The new block and concrete homes will be sturdier and better able to withstand future storms or other natural disasters. The pastors send their thanks and appreciation for your gifts that made rebuilding possible.

Reverend Thomas, founder and director of Feed My People Ministries, has been involved in evangelism outreach and church planting for over thirty years in rural villages of Andra Pradesh, India. Global Outreach has partnered with Reverend Thomas and provided support for pastors, orphans, rescued teens, widows and elderly, as well as the construction of churches and homes for orphans for over twenty-five years. When we visited India it was a thrill to meet so many of the people whose lives have been impacted through your faithful support and prayers.



Dedication of new Church building in West Godavari. This thatched roof church has been destroyed and rebuilt three times due to frequent cyclones. They care for ten orphans as well.

Reverend Thomas recently shared the need of financial help for a church in the village of Pothinnedupalem:

By the grace of God, we started our village ministry 35 years ago when we sent Pastor Raja Rathnam to plant a church in the village of Pothinnedupalem. At that time there were no Chris-



Church service in new building in Pothinnedupalem. At night elderly sleep on the floor, but would love to have cots.

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tians in the village and all of the village people were idol worshippers. After sharing the gospel and praying for healing for many of the villagers, some accepted Christ as Savior and we were able to develop a gospel ministry. Fifteen years ago we were able to purchase 125 square meters of land to build a church, but we did not have the funds to build until this year. Earlier this year our country had elections and some of the political candidates gave donations to help us build the church we had been waiting so long to build. The money they gave was not sufficient to complete the church, but by faith we took a small loan and constructed a church with brick and cement walls and iron sheets for the roof. Please help us with the funds to pay off this small loan.



Dedication of new church in village of Pothinnedupalem



Elderly widows sleep on cots in church at Tenali. They need to repair 17 cots and purchase 11 new cots.

The Pothinnedupalem church was dedicated the 18th of August and is a blessing to this village. In addition to church services, the building is used to help provide protection and a safe haven for many widows and elderly. This is a great need for elderly Christians in India who are often disowned by their families. They currently need an additional 54 cots and repairs to 17 cots. We would love to help them purchase cots to provide more comfort and protection for these precious elderly brothers and sisters in Christ. A gift of \$25 will provide a new cot and \$10 will provide a new blanket.

Here at Global Outreach Inc. we are so thankful for your faithful prayers and gifts. We could not do what God has put in our hearts to do apart from friends and partners like you. It is truly amazing what we can do together for God and His kingdom that we could never do apart. Bless you!

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after **orphans** and **widows** in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27

“No Longer A Nobody”



This young man who goes by the name of Johnny was born into a Muslim family. Shortly after his birth, his father died leaving his mother a widow with a young child

to support. She tried her best to support her young son, but ended up in prostitution. A broker took her to the city of Hyderabad and sold her there, leaving her young son on his own. At that time he was five

years old, and he ended up as an orphan boy begging on the streets. One of the Feed My People Pastors went to the village to conduct open air gospel meetings. All day long from morning to night the little boy followed him around. The pastor asked him who he was, and he replied, “I am nobody.” When the pastor was unable to find anyone who knew him or any family member he brought him to the orphanage and they named him Johnny. He has lived at the orphanage sixteen years, and now he is studying to be a teacher. Johnny is just one of hundreds of orphaned children in India that your gifts have helped feed, clothe, educate, house and teach about Jesus. Johnny is now “somebody” that Jesus loves!

May God bless you as you faithfully share the love of Christ with so many in need. Bill & Renee Reed