



Mission Update and Prayer Guide

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR THE LORD.....Jeremiah 32:17
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"Oh Lord, as You, we love dear India!"



Blessed be the name of the LORD! We praise God for the opportunity given to us to see the ongoing work of Emmanuel Ministries which we have supported for almost 30 years and to also participate in recent outreach activities. We thank God for the prayers of His people as we traveled to Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu where Daisy spent the first several years of her life. As you know Daisy was the fourth child (first daughter) in a family of five. At 7 years old her father died suddenly. A year and half later, in front of her children, Daisy's mother committed suicide. Not too long after that her oldest brother took his life as well. Daisy quit school to take care of her younger sister Mercy. Someone needed to step up and take the responsibility for this broken family. Daisy's parents were from a strong religious background, but one of her mother's sisters was a Christian. She eventually contacted a pastor who knew of a new ministry in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu. Daisy and Mercy were soon placed in Emmanuel Children's Home with Sam George and his wife Elizabeth. It was a hard adjustment at first but the girls were accepted as family. They were given Bibles, were taught Christian songs and were shown how to pray. Within a year, Daisy accepted Jesus as her Savior and shortly thereafter was baptized.

Throughout her Christian experience Daisy has prayed for her family back in Coimbatore. Both of us have prayed for aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. We prayed specifically that we would be able to present the Gospel to family members. On our recent trip God opened the door for us to first travel directly to meet these people - most of whom I had never met and most of whom Daisy had not seen in almost 30 years. When we arrived we discovered God had already answered prayer in an amazing way. Many individuals from this extended family had already accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Those who had not were eager to listen. I had the opportunity to preach. Daisy shared openly to small groups and one on one. God had made a way! As we were getting ready to leave family members asked us to pray that a new church could be built right there on their lot. Praise God! **Please pray! Dave**



HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN ATTEND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

What a joy it was to witness firsthand the teamwork of our Emmanuel family. Hundreds of children, many from different backgrounds, came together to sing, play games, enjoy refreshments, memorize God's Word and learn about **"My Potter and Me!"** Each morning the staff gathered for prayer and to highlight the daily teaching strategy. We are grateful for the exceptional cooperation and unity.



Pictured here is Becky, Thomas and Golda getting ready for a one day VBS with children living very close to the Emmanuel's Campus at Mynaperi. Over 70 children showed up to hear the Word of God presented through teaching, puppetry and music.



Daisy taught 6 - 8 graders the entire week of VBS at Emmanuel Believers Fellowship. She had close to 50 kids. Over 30 of those children voluntarily got on their knees and prayed to accept Jesus as their personal Savior. What a joy to see God's Spirit bringing young people together to receive hope and life.



Most of the children attending VBS did not own a Bible. After the last session, each child was given a youth Bible story book and a Gideons' Bible. Over 30 years ago thousands of Gideons Bible were burned in the middle of Tenkasi. The report of this reached Sam George as he was serving in northern India. Sam's heart was stirred. After much prayer he was convinced of the Holy Spirit's leading to move to Tenkasi and start a church less than 2 miles from the very spot the Bibles were burned. Today we praise God knowing that thousands and thousands of Bibles have been distributed. God's Word is powerful. It transforms lives. The Word of God leads us into the path of righteousness. It is a great joy to part of a body of believers that actively places the Scriptures in the hands of young and old alike. **Please pray** that these Bibles will be read by the young people and their parents. ***"His Word will not return void."***



This is Pastor Steven. He and his family are working in a very hard area. A VBS was held at his church in Ayeriperi during a religious festival. We are happy to report that well over 100 children attended each day. It was amazing. Instead of being part of village programming which included many other activities, young people were eagerly running to the church. We praise God for this. **Please pray** that adults in this area will have the courage to respond to Gospel. We are asking God to help us reach entire families.



This is Paolien Hoakip. He, his wife (Daisy's sister Mercy) and children are serving in the State of Tripura in Northern India. There is strong opposition, including persecution, against Christians. Paolien has had success in starting a school and earning the trust of people. **Please pray** for God's strength and wisdom. Paolien and Mercy have a great desire to establish a local church that will bring light into the realm of spiritual darkness. Both of them know that "nothing is too hard for the Lord!" They are willing to lay down their lives.



This is Pastor Thangaraj and his wife. They have been serving in Shencottai for over three decades. Thangaraj was one of the first pastors to partner with Sam when he arrived in Tenkasi. He has maintained a strong relationship with Emmanuel Ministries. He also has a deep burden for tribal people who are under demonic oppression, witchcraft and curses...people who are ignorant of God's love and salvation. **Please pray** for this couple as they travel and carry the good news of the Gospel to places most have no interest in. **Pray** that God will give them good health and the Holy Spirit's anointing. Thangaraj is also a professor at Emmanuel Bible Institute. He praises God for the special privilege of helping prepare young men and women for the Lord's work in India, Burma and Nepal.



VBS is not the only outreach program that reaches into the surrounding communities. Volleyball is very popular. Sonu (Sam and Elizabeth's second son) is leading a sports outreach program that attracts believers and non-believers. Teams are chosen. Competition is intense but sportsmanship is practiced on and off the court. Each night time is set aside to present biblical truth and godly principles. **Please pray** that this outreach will expand in the coming year. Bible Institute students also get involved and have the opportunity to share one on one with participants. **Please pray** for Emmanuel believers as they continue to look for new ways to reach into a community entrenched with strong opinions and views.



This is Gifty. She is a special needs child that found a home at Emmanuel. She cannot do much for herself. She cannot speak. She needs assistance to walk. But she is part of every day life in the ministry. Her sisters and brothers love her. Sam and Elizabeth see that her needs are met. She represents a segment of society that many have forgotten. Gifty reminds us that we have a responsibility to speak for those who cannot speak and to love those that the world has discarded. **Please pray** for healing. **Pray** for sustaining grace. **Pray** for God's love to reign!



Daisy taught at Emmanuel Matric School for 15 years. She remains close to many of the teachers there. Pictured here is Ramya and Meena. **Please pray** that they will respond to the Gospel. It is our desire that they would experience God's love and mercy. **Jesus Saves!**



After many days of outreach activity the Emmanuel family had an opportunity to enjoy a few hours on the shore of the Bay of Bengal a few hours away from Tenkasi. It was a great joy to see the children interacting with each other. Sam Johnson, VBS coordinator, was happy to lead the way into cool water. As we looked at all the fishing boats anchored in the bay we were reminded that as disciples of Jesus our call is to be "fishers of men". **Jesus Saves! Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves; onward 'tis our Lord's command! Jesus Saves! Jesus Saves!**

Greetings to you in the name of Lord our Savior Jesus Christ. I believe that everything is fine with all of you. We are happy to say that we remembering you and praying for you and your ministries. There is no proper network or communication here to communicate often with you. I am writing this email in hopes that it will find you. It is important for me to send thanks to you for the speaker system and microphone you purchased for us last December. We have been using it during our summer break from EBI. It has been very useful in our ministry. We are able to go to many outer areas. The battery stays charged for a long time. Every time we preach and sing we know you are part of the work. God will give you the reward for your faithfulness and generosity. We remember you in prayer. Please do not forget the work we are doing here. Pray for me as I go back to join others at EBI. **Kiranbabu. Taneti**, Bethany Ministry, India



We praise God for His help in dedicating another water well for His glory. Water is life!

Paul Kumar, 2000 Emmanuel Bible Institute Graduate

Please pray for us as we continue to minister to widows, orphans and the hungry. Thank you for your support! We know God is faithful. Please pray that we will be faithful to His Word and direction.



We would like to thank you for helping us continue our work in India. Angela Friendship Ministries was founded over a decade ago to help reach orphans, lepers, and meet the needs of those who struggle in South India. You have been a friend to our ministry and we are grateful that you assist us by sending support funds directly to our ministry partner there. Please see the attached pictures of some of our AFM Campus buildings. Our Children's Home stands two stories tall, but is in great need of people to partner with us so that we can complete it. Soon we can fill it with needy children --- meeting their great need while at the same time complying with Government standards of quality care. **Chuck and Angela Eddy, Padma Kumar**

