



# Heart of Compassion Missionary Ministries Newsletter

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## Abiding Under the Shadow of the Almighty

After leaving India in April 2012, I didn't think that I would be returning back so soon. But here I am, on another 30 hour flight traveling to the other side of the world.

What could be even more terrifying to some people is traveling during a time of global unrest. A time when terrorist in the Middle East are burning U.S. flags and threatening to kidnap Americans traveling abroad.

But in Psalm 91:9-11, NKJV, it says, ***"Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways."***

Yes, I could have been just as terrified as other people who were traveling during this time. But as I answered the cry for help from the poor and the needy, I knew that nothing would happen to me because God's angels were assigned and ordered to protect me as I traveled through the Middle-East and on to India.

## God's Heart is for the Poor

The Bible says ***"When the poor and needy search for water and there is none, and their tongues are parched from thirst, then I, the Lord, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will never abandon them."*** (Isaiah 41:17, NLT).

It is apparent from Scriptures throughout the Bible that God has a heart for the poor and the needy. As believers, we are the body that God uses to carry out His plan. In Proverbs 14:31, it says, ***"...whoever is kind to the needy honors God."*** Our actions towards the poor and needy are a direct reflection of our love for God. We can show our love for Him by doing whatever He tells us to do and by going wherever He calls us to go. That's why I returned to India.

With over 1.2 billion people, which is more than 3 times the population of the United States, India has the second largest population in the world along with millions of poor and needy people crying out for help. What's even more earth-shattering is that all these people live in an area that is one-third the size of the United States.

As believers, we must take notice and take action not only of their outward cry for help, but their eternal cry to know the True and Living God.

## A Cry for Help in Prathipadu, India

On 27 September 2012, two days after departing the United States, I arrived in Prathipadu; a town of about 18,000 people located in the north eastern part of India.

In this town, almost half the people don't have access to clean drinking water, and it's common for the electricity to be cut off 8 hours every day due to living in a densely populated country.

If you visited this small town, ***in this day and time***, after living in the United States, it would change how you viewed lack in your life.

If you knew that the typical alternative for a child to relieve themselves is in the middle of the street, you would want to do more to help the poor and the needy children of this town.

If you knew that the typical place for washing clothes is in a dirty pond, you would want to do more to help the poor and needy women of this town.

If you knew that a 16 year-old Muslim girl believed that her only hope to help herself and her family after not scoring high enough to continue her education was to get married or work in the rice fields, you would do more to help the poor and needy teenage girls of this town.

If you saw the sunken eyes, swollen bellies, and shriveled skin of some of the young children throughout these villages, you would want to do more to help the young children and educate the poor and needy mothers of this town.

If you made it your priority to support those who preach the gospel throughout these villages, thousands of poor and needy people, whether they be Muslim, Hindu, or other unbelievers would have a chance of eternal life through Christ Jesus.

As I took the time to encourage Christians, witness to Muslims, Hindus and other unbelievers, as I took the time to pray for the sick and give to the poor, I could see that God loves all people and He is asking you to respond to the cry of the poor and the needy by taking action by answering their cry for help.

## How can You Help?

**T**he Bible says, “... *And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8, NLT). This means that we are to tell people about Jesus any and everywhere that we go. For many of us, it's easy to reach out to people in our own neighborhood or the next town, but to go to another country, it may not be within our reach or calling but you can still participate by Serving as a Sender.

How can you Serve as a Sender? As you help us go to Ethiopia, India, Haiti, Zimbabwe, or wherever God sends us, through your giving, you are also reaching out to the lost, the poor and the needy people of this world. As you give, we are an extension of your hands and you are an extension of God's hands. Take part in this blessing as we join together to answer the cry for help in Reaching People and Touching Lives Around the World.

### Prathipadu India



## Testimony

**A**fter praying for and ministering to the 16 year-old Muslim girl who didn't score high enough to continue her education, she realized after accepting Jesus as her Lord and Savior that there is hope.

Our hands were an extension of your hands as we prayed for this young girl, then the Holy Spirit touched her heart and she accepted Christ.

With her new found hope in Christ, she can now have hope for a better life.

## Thank You

**A**s you continue to sow into our ministry, we will continue to do God's work until His work has been completed.

### Reaching People and Touching Lives Around the World

*“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them...” (Matthew 9:36)*

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**Grandmother and grandchildren**



**Church tithes and offerings (Rice)**



**Friday night prayer**



**Controlled water source**



**People in the street**



**Preaching the gospel**



**A rare Christian monument**



**Listening to gospel**



**Preaching the gospel**



**A disabled boy**



**Praying over tithes and offerings**



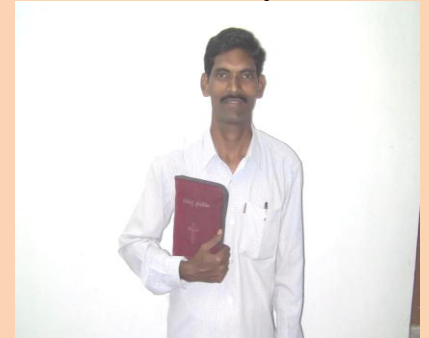
**Children pumping water**



**Pastor's home**



**Pastor of Bethany Church**



**Pastor's 3 children**



**Cow deemed sacred by Hindus**



**Girl crushing Tamarind (A fruit)**



**Hindu temple**



**Village children**



**Lady peeling Tamarind (A fruit)**



**Village homes**



**Washing clothes in pond**



**Witnessing in tribal village**



**Preaching at Bethany Church**



**Child standing by road**



**Children attending school**



**Mother and child**



**Village homes**



**Lady sitting outside**

