

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in our Savior's name. I hope you had a great and blessed season. We wish you all a wonderful year ahead.

The Lord has tremendously blessed us with many opportunities to serve Him in various ways. Our Christmas season started with the Mestlers, missionaries to Kenya visiting us to teach a course at Shiloh Baptist Bible College. They were with us for a week and Dr. Mestler taught a course to the M.Div. class. We deeply appreciate their labor for the Lord and their kind help in our ministry here in India.



The Lord has granted us many opportunities during Christmas season to witness to many unsaved people. For the first time we had a pre-Christmas celebration here in our colony at Hyderabad with 250 people in attendance. About 100 of those were unsaved. We gave a clear Gospel presentation. The Lord has brought a few new families into our fellowship. Today my wife tells me that three new ladies have come to the ladies prayer meeting. We are praying that the Lord will open the doors for us to visit these families and invite the men to our men's fellowship tomorrow. With these three families we are now 14 families altogether fellowshiping and gathering for Bible study and prayer.



I was at Narsingi, my dad's Church for Christmas. The Church gathered in the new uncompleted building. To our surprise many visitors from other cast groups from the village came to attend the church that day. The new facility was full. We cried with joy for the marvelous work of the Lord. We have already had people saying that we should expand this present building area to accommodate more people. 21 new souls were added to the Church.

The college ministry and the orphanage ministry are going pretty well. We started Christmas break on December 19th. The classes resumed on Jan 11th. One of the ABF classes from Tri-City Baptist Church of Chandler, AZ sent a Christmas gift to the kids in the Children's Home. We were able to get all of the children new clothes for Christmas. Thank you to the ABF class.

We have had very little rain this past season, and as the result the well in the college campus has dried up. We are praying for another well. Meanwhile we are buying water from outside in tankers for the college use. We will need \$1000 for the new well. Please pray for this urgent need.

For last 13 years we have been renting an apartment in Hyderabad. The present neighborhood where we are living right now has no good churches around. We prayed for a ministry opportunity, and the Lord has opened the door. The ministry has started with family get-togethers and Bible study meetings. To this day the Lord has blessed us with 14 families – all are from upper middle class. We have about 25 people (including kids) gathering every Saturday for Bible Study and prayer. We are using our rented apartment for the meeting. There is an apartment complex under construction right beside the place we are living and we are praying for an apartment in that building to purchase as it will allow for more room and for a more permanent place for the church. We have to pay about \$15,000 as a down payment and make an agreement, and then later another \$7,000 after the completion of the building, which would take about 7 more months. We are seriously praying that the Lord would give us this property since there is a great potential for starting a fundamental church ministry. Please pray and help us as the Lord leads you.

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness in standing with us in the ministry. Your consistent prayers, your loving, constant giving has been a great encouragement to us in the ministry, and it is because of that we are in the field today. We are very grateful for your loving prayers and sacrificial giving, and it is our prayer that the Lord would bless you all abundantly as you are a great blessing to many around the globe.

Yours in India,

Solomon, Sandhya, Johanan, and Jessika