

May 2016

Prayer Letter for Solomon Raju

Dear Praying and Supporting Friends,

Greetings in our Savior's Name. We had hundreds of people from all over India die due to heat waves last month. But we've been getting a few showers the past five days, and as the result the weather has cooled down. Praise the Lord for the timely rains!

The Bible College is closed for the summer. We have one family, (the husband is the watchman and the wife is the cook in the college) residing in the campus. We are still facing the water problems in the campus. Thank God for the friends, who have responded to the need of drilling another well. We have applied for the permission to drill a new well, and we are anticipating it sometime this week end.

We had a great academic year. The ministry team is in the North-Eastern states of India, ministering in various Churches in four different states in that region. We are hoping to get some good prospects for the coming academic year. Please pray that the Lord would send us the right kind of students who are serious about their call and willing to learn and grow in the knowledge of the Lord and His Word.

We are a bit concerned now about the buildings of the college. The present building which was constructed under the leadership of Rev. Shekar, is causing us to spend lot of money on maintenance. Last year we spent almost \$2,500 for repairing a wall that had developed some bad cracks. And now there are two more walls with the similar problem. Those two might collapse at any moment. We are facing this problem because the foundations were not laid according to the nature of the soil. So now we have to tear down those damaged walls and rebuild them again from the foundation by supporting the walls with four new pillars. It is going to cost us approximately \$5000. Unless we repair them, we cannot put the students in those rooms, and the students will not have any place to reside. So please pray for the need and respond as the Lord leads you.

The Lord is faithful in giving us the opportunities to serve in various places and



Cracks in the walls.



Churches. Last month, my brother Kumar and I went to Bangalore to speak in a Church's revival meetings. Pastor Guraiah, who was a professor at Dr. Chelli's College is now working as senior pastor of this particular Church. He encouraged me a lot when I was in the College. We had a blessed time of ministry there. Here in Hyderabad region, the Churches in our Independent Baptist Church Organization are doing well. Several Churches had VBS programs in their Churches and some are having them this month. Most of the Churches hold revival meetings during summer. I will be travelling a lot and speaking in many of those revival meetings. Please uphold me and my family in your prayers as you always do.

Kindly, continue to pray for the various Church building constructions. As the Lord leads you, you can designate a gift for a Church, which would be of a great blessing. There are six buildings still

under construction. Your kind prayers and loving gifts for these projects are greatly appreciated.

Once again thank you so much for your faithfulness to the Lord in standing with us in India ministry. May the Lord bless you all for your love for Him and for missions!

Yours in India,

Solomon Raju, Sandhya, Johannan and Jessika.



Church building construction at Narsingi