

Right Hand Ministries

“Then the King will say to those on His RIGHT HAND, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father... for I was hungry and you gave Me food, thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you took Me in, naked and you clothed Me, sick and you visited Me, in prison and you came to Me.’”

Matthew 25:34-36

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PRAY FOR MORE ELDERLY TO BE CARED FOR THRU MANNA PROGRAM

There are several different ministries and individuals that RHM is connected with, that have both physical and ministry needs. But the Lord has directed us, at least for a season, to focus more on just a couple of things instead of appealing for so many different needs and opportunities. We'll still keep you informed on needs that arise, but the 2 things we feel impressed to focus on are caring for more widows, and finishing our HOPE Orphanage, especially the school part (more on p. 2).

It's a little difficult to understand why so few people seem to have any real concern or burden about the fact that so many millions of elderly people are lacking even the basics in their life. And many of these elderly people (a large % of them widows) are in churches scattered around the world. If their families, neighbors and govt. aren't willing to help them, what can they do when they're no longer able to work? This lack of concern is especially puzzling (and just plain sad!) when we can clearly see in God's Word how He has compassion on them and instructs His people to care for them (*please read Deut. 24:17-22; Ps. 68:5-6a; 146:9; Acts 6:1; 1Tim. 5:3-5; James 1:27 and 1John 3:17 to name a few*).

The entire monthly intake of RHM would hardly care for a handful of widows in the western world, but for only about \$18 a month in India (costs rising there also) we can feed them twice a day and provide other essentials such as sweaters, blankets, clothes and repairing their huts. There are many more widows in different villages and churches that are asking for our help. Father, use us to care for many! *“For the needy will not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the afflicted perish forever.” Psalms 9:18*

This is Samadhanamma's hut (her profile this page), near collapse. We hope to build her a new one soon, once the rains subside. She needs a new cot also (lower right).



LATEST ADDITIONS TO HMP

PREMA KUMARI: 63 yrs old, 1 daughter and a widow for about 20 years. Because of asthma wasn't able to work in rainy and cooler weather. Now for 2 yrs unable to go to work (field work) because of diabetes. Her daughter won't care for her. Struggles with food, medicines and all basic needs. Goes to a Gospel Band church and is a “prayerful lady”. Joined HMP in October.



SAMADHANAMMA: 78 yrs old, 1 son and 1 daughter, her husband dying about 4 years ago. Sister Buelah says she is a “very good believer”, having come to the Lord about 20 years ago. Her son-in-law doesn't want to care for her. Her son and grandson are drinkers and not even caring for their own families properly.

SEETHAMMA: 70 yrs old, no children, a widow for 15 years. When she came to Christ, all her Hindu relatives rejected her, but she stood firm. She's struggled much for basic needs after her husband died. Was staying with her sister's daughter-in-law, who sent her away, so we brought her into the HOPE home.



VENKETA RATNAMMA: 75 yrs old, 1 son; husband died 9 yrs ago. Became a Christian years ago; her son is Hindu and gave her many problems. She went to an old age home, but they also didn't like her Christian life. Weak and unable to work, she was lacking food and living in a hut about to fall. Her hut's far from HOPE, so due to weakness she is now in HOPE home.

CHRISTMAS is near. If it's on your heart to bless someone in need during this season, pray about helping us with clothes for our HOPE staff, the children and widows. We would also like to begin the gradual process of getting cots & bunk beds for the children (all now sleep on thin mats). May He lead you in how to bless others with the Savior's love this Christmas!

EXPANDING HOPE SCHOOL FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

This is the 5th year we have had school at HOPE for our own children, having started the school primarily because of influences in govt. schools and local kidnappings that were then taking place. Recently we discovered that we were not meeting some govt. requirements for running a private school, such as minimum playground space, number of bathroom facilities and the biggest obstacle of all, a minimum of 300 students if we're going to have a school from 1st to 10th grades!

So we began praying for God's will for our school. Basically we had 2 options: send our HOPE children back to the public school system, or try to expand our school to meet government regulations (also includes a sizeable fee). The easiest route seems to be to just send the children back to the govt. schools and deal with the various issues as they arise. But after spending time in prayer, the RHM and HOPE ministry leaders were in agreement NOT to send the children back to the schools, but to try and expand our HOPE School to also include other children besides the HOPE children. During the decision making process, we learned from govt. officials themselves that they are not very strict about the requirements, but mostly are trying to cut down on fraud by those who are simply making a business out of their private schools, the children receiving little benefit.

But by this time our hearts had already been directed toward expanding our school for various reasons: 1. It will be a great opportunity to have a Christian influence on other children (most either from nominal or non-Christian backgrounds); 2. Our HOPE children might be better prepared in future years for outside influences if we allow some of that to take place, but on "our own turf"; 3. One of our goals for HOPE is to find ways for them to begin earning income and save on costs so they are not totally dependent on foreign funds. By charging fees for outside children (lower fees than other schools), we hope in God that the school eventually would become self-supporting

RHM, HOPE PRAYER & SUPPORT LIST

- Completing HOPE School: 6 classrooms, possible office and bathrooms— \$18-20,000
- South wall of HOPE property: \$2,300
- Support amount for each child: \$35 a month
- Support amount for each widow: \$18 a month
- Help us give medical assistance to malaria infected children in Orissa villages. Pray about the children's education. Because of lack of schools & teachers, and fear of hostilities, many children have no schooling.
- Help a poor believer go to Gospel Band's vocational center: \$35-100 total cost per student for the course (3 to 12 months). Sponsor a teacher for \$80 a month.
- Support a pastor's family & ministry: \$50 a month, but any amount will be a blessing to them.



Present condition of the HOPE School

thru the fees, paying for the teachers' salaries, utilities, etc..

Our present situation and need: As you can see in the photo above, the roof slab, columns and some walls to separate classrooms are done. We should have the space for at least 6 classrooms, a few bathrooms and perhaps an office. We still need more walls, windows, doors, flooring work (you see the water settling), plastering, electrical, painting, etc. in order to finish.

Estimated cost to complete 6 classrooms with bathrooms: \$18-20,000. Est. cost to totally complete the HOPE building: \$25-27,000 "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Gen.18:14

Occasionally we would like to share

with you a testimony from our HOPE children so you can see how they are growing. This is **Deepthi** (15).

"My name is Deepthi. I am studying 10th class. I am happy to share about a Youth Retreat conducted by Gospel Band which was very useful for youth. We learned many things about God:



1. Why God came to this world.
2. What are the worldly things and eternal things?
3. Nothing compares to the value of the Bible.
4. We learned how to read the Bible.
5. God's Word is like a sharp sword with 2 sharp edges on it.
6. We should not love anything more than God.
7. Only through God's kindness and blessings can we become the children of God.
8. We should run away from sin in our life like Joseph did. Not only that, but we have to live like Joseph and have faith.
9. We also have to live like Abraham, with faith in God.
10. What we learn we need to teach to others.

All these things I learned, and we also enjoyed some games. I am very happy to spend my time with many godly brothers and sisters. **Please pray for me** to live for God forever and to serve Him forever."

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