

FOI Newsletter

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A Letter to the Almighty God after the Mission Trip



Dear King of Kings, Lord of Lord,

It's been a week since the mission team returned to HK. Now that my Indian flu and cough is getting better, I want to report to you some of the issues I found at Dayspring Children's Home.

As Scott could not lead this mission team, I was assigned to do so. Though I was the 'team leader', in actual fact, your majesty had always guided and led us as you promised in Matthew 28:19-20 that you will be with us to the very end of age when we go and make disciples of all nations.

I have accomplished all that I set out to do - taking the mission team to experience different ministries in different parts of south India; working side by side with our Indian co-workers at Dayspring; taking the children at Dayspring Children's Home for a picnic; experiencing Your wonderful provision as we see the opportunities that are unfolding in the Dayspring English Medium School.

Different Ministries

Everything went on as scheduled (Hallelujah !). After our arrival at the Hyderabad airport, we met Paul and Adam. Several local gospel workers working for another American missionary couple (Robbie and James) briefed us on their work in the slum areas. We thank God that these dedicated Indian brothers worked in the slum areas (dirty and filthy to HK standard) with grateful hearts. They used pictures and stories to teach Bible to the illiterate people living in the slum areas in Hyderabad.

Tsunami Survivors



Adam took us to visit the tsunami-affected villages. The villagers wanted to thank us for the rice, blankets, shelters and bible. They gave us some food even though they did not have sufficient themselves. Adam arranged each and everyone of the STM to greet them and to show our Christian love. Some of them told us that they could not get enough food for their families because their fishing boats and fishing nets had been destroyed by the tsunami. The following bible passage immediately came to my mind : -

Duet 15: 7-8 and 10-11

'If there is a poor man among your brothers in any towns of the land that the Lord Your God is



giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be open handed and freely lend him whatever he needs.....Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord Your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I commanded you to be open-handed towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in your land.'

FOI and Dayspring will work out something to help these families to help themselves.

Dayspring's Ministry with the LEADS

By God's grace, Adam was able to arrange a group of local gospel workers to attend a week-long seminar held at the Children's Home organized by a Christian group called LEADS. These seminars were like refresher course or on-the-job training for these local workers. One of the topics was 'church discipline'. Adam invited many nearby gospel workers to come to learn together.

Visitation

Adam took us to visit the church members and widows sponsored by FOI. He normally visited them once every week to offer encouragement and prayer. When he visited the widows, he would give them money for food. Adam told us that some of these widows had been expelled from their Hindu families after they became Christians. Another widow was bed-ridden and could not speak. The only thing we could do for her was to pray for her there and then.

Picnic

We took all the children from the Children's Home to a train station and a park for a picnic one sunny Saturday afternoon. They were thrilled as many of them had not visited any train station before. Though we did not take any 'picnic baskets' with us, Adam bought tangerine for all of us while the children played in the park.



Adam had divided them into 12 teams – each team consists of older boys and younger boys, older girls and younger girls. The older ones would look after the younger ones. Without these young helpers, we would not be able to organize them for taking a group photo.

Opportunities at the School

The children are so grateful for the computers we sent them as they are now using them. I was told that even local primary schools did not have computer education therefore our school was one of the best in the village.

Adam and Eliah had accepted about 200 students from the Hindu family in the village. These children are studying in a Christian atmosphere and will influence their Hindu parents in due course. Many of

them came to school on school buses (similar to HK) hired by their parents.



As our children from Dayspring Children's Home study with them, they will share God's love with them and invite them to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

Almost all of the teachers are yet-to-be Christians, Eliah (school principal) and other Christian teachers will continue to witness to them and win them for Christ.

FOI still need to raise money to finish furnishing and painting the whole school. Though we have set up the computers, we still need to furnish the computer labortory and hire a computer teacher.

Your daughter,
Cissy TSANG
Administrative Officer, Friends of India

INDIA STM SHARING ESSAY

PAUL MEYER

I am most grateful to Him for the fulfillment of a longstanding hearts desire to visit India and in particular Dayspring Children's Home. This gratitude was heightened by the fact it was not certain I would obtain the required visa until the next to last day!

It was such an honor to be part of a seasoned mission team. From literally the hour/day of arrival the leadership both in and out of country had the same purpose to be used most effectively by our Lord and Father. I found it amazing and humbling that despite having not met anyone from the team there was unity (Jn 17: 11-13, 21-23) as evidenced by relating and serving one another in sacrificial love and servant attitude!



Since leaving India I have had many opportunities to share about this time. There is so much one could share. However I will share about one the many experience that has had a lasting big impact on me and seemingly on those hearing. The attached picture is of the Tsunami victims that we visited the first full day after arrival to Dayspring. After a time of sharing by each team member with people of the village and also sharing of clothing gifts we were given a gift of fish the village members had caught earlier that day. We later

learned from Adam at our evening meal at Dayspring that the fish we were eating given by the Tsunami victims was in light of the fact that many of the peoples would be hungry that night. They were so grateful for our help that they gave much more than they had!!

This and so many other experiences during this STM (i.e. gospel meetings, playing with children, visiting slums, visiting widows, praying for sick, Good Friday and Easter services etc.) has again brought certain scriptures (Micah 6:8, Pr 13: 23, Jer 22:16, Ps 37:7-9, Is 59:15-16) to light and themes of justice, mercy and being a voice for the powerless and fatherless to name a few. Dayspring/FOI is such an example of Jms 1: 27 being worked out and applied in real tangible ways in the world we live in.

I am most grateful for this experience!



印度事工的代禱需要 Prayer Items



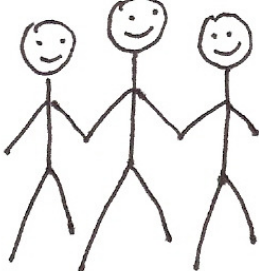
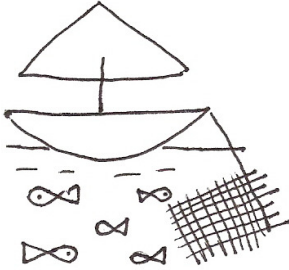
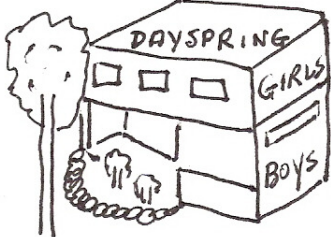
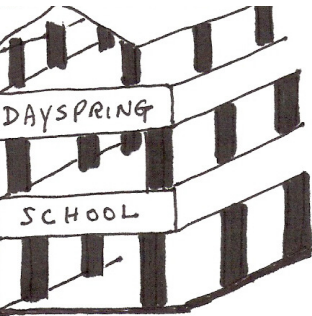
約翰福音 15 : 16

「不是你們揀選了我，是我揀選了你們，並且分派你們去結果子，叫你們的果子常存，使你們奉我的名，無論向父求甚麼，他就賜給你們。」



John 15 : 16

‘You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.’

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