

We Are Proud Of Junior Delphin



Junior Delphin has grown up at the Jesus Loves Me Home. He doesn't have anyone else. He was maybe four when he came to live with there. Junior loves to smile and make others smile! He loves to play practical jokes on everyone around. He is so much fun! He is also a hard worker and tries his very best at everything he does. Junior has always held a special place in my heart!

A little over a year ago, Junior emailed me and asked for a digital camera because he wanted to go to graphic arts school. I put the request in the newsletter and a supporter met that request. Junior was so happy! The youth that were with us last year had extra money and paid for his year of college classes; about \$120.

When we arrived at the Jesus Loves Me Home on January 22, Junior ran out to greet us. He ran back into the dorm and could hardly contain his excitement. He ran back out to show me his

diploma and picture in his cap and gown! He had graduated from his first step in graphic arts. We are so proud of him and his hard work –He is finishing high school at the same time! We are thankful that we are able to help him further his education so that he has a future in Haiti.

While we were there, one of the girls who was with us, paid for the next 8 months of his training. Junior does need a video camera for this next step. He has found one in Go-naives for \$250US. If you are willing to help with this, please let me know.

We have several kids around the same age as Junior. My dream and prayer is that we can send all of them to college. Brother and Sisters, we are their only family. Son-Son wants to be a preacher, Otcho and Getro want to be Engineers, Junior-graphic arts, Erick is undecided but wants to go to school. Please join me in prayer that God will provided a way for us to send these kids on to college.



Immersion in 2012

2,295 have been immersed into Christ during 2012. White Fields world wide ministries now assists 377 native evangelists in 33 different nations. These evangelists, along with our American and Australian team members, report 2,295 souls immersed into Christ for the remission of sins in January and February. It is a great victory and we give all praise to God. Thank God for His victory and for the souls won to Christ through the power of His gospel.



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It's Still Harvest Time In India!



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Tom Mullenix, Blythe Robinson, Drew Mentzer, Ken Lawrence, Heather Lawrence, Nathan Jones (not pictured)

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full...’... ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in ...’” (Luke 14)

At our Master's command, we fanned out from Chennai, India to give his invitation to the spiritually blind, poor and hobbled; an invitation to come to Jesus and find real life. And they responded! How they responded! 2,088 committed their lives to the King of Kings!

These precious souls heard the good news first from our faithful Indian co-workers. They continue their diligent efforts to search out opportunities to present Christ in villages, cities and to families. They focus on sharing this truth – Jesus is the Son of the Living God. The Holy Spirit continues the work, drawing them toward the Lord; using the living and abiding seed, the Word of God. This strategy is working well once more. Now it's time for American harvest partners to come. People gather to hear what the foreigner has to say and Hindu “power people” are on their best behavior – they want to make a favorable impression. The gospel of Christ, his death & resurrection is declared without apology. The invitation to respond is offered, and the steps to respond made clear. Having considered the consequences for conversion – the Indian do not make take this lightly – those convicted of their sin, convinced of the validity of Jesus and the value of life in him respond and are baptized. Our Lord continues to bless this style of witness.

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Our God is on the move in South India. I was touched to see many old people coming to the Lord this year. Throughout the world, people with such long life experience tend to be set in their ways; but this time, many senior citizens came to listen, and stood to change sides! I had the serendipitous opportunity to hear the testimony of a Christian sister during church one Sunday. You should have seen the fire in her eyes! "My children and grand children told me not to convert to Christ; they said that I could go to church if I wanted, but I should never 'take baptism.' I was baptized, and I praise God." She also said that when she goes to the hospital and is lying

on her death-bed, she will have the photo of her baptism with her. "I will show it to them and say, 'See, I'm a Christian; don't you try to bury me as a Hindu!'" Those who commit to Christ understand that they have much to lose, but, counting the cost, **they determine that there is much more to gain.**

Our God is really at work in South India. Just think of the possible harvest if we were able to double or triple the number of preachers proclaiming the Good News! In fact, I have challenged our Indian partners to estimate the number of Americans they can work with next year. To assess their potential translators and let me know where we stand; I want to recruit 15 preachers to go to India next January (2013). Please join me in asking God to send more workers into his harvest field.

I also challenged our Indian brothers to begin to "expand our territory" and preach in "regions beyond" the areas of our current work. These brothers have been so very dedicated to reach souls for Christ. They have been very active in locating the many tribal people who live in India. These tribes have their own language and religion, but they have also mixed some Hinduism into their worldview. Generally, they are conversant in the state language, too. These tribes are part of the focus of Jesus' Great Commission, "... make disciples of all nations (ethnic groups), baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey." As you can see, our brothers are on the cutting edge of finding and evangelizing these ethnic groups. I asked our partners to consider outreach to Muslims also. Ten percent of the population of India practices the religion Islam. That sounds small until you consider that the country has over one billion inhabitants! There are 100 million Muslims to reach. The harvest is truly plentiful, with millions of Hindus, Muslims and thousands of tribes to reach. The message of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus has proven to be effective seed. Join me, please, in praying to the Lord of the harvest to send workers into his harvest field.

Allow me one more prayer focus: ask God to move in the hearts of young men (in their early adult life) and draw them to Christ. In my opinion, women have more of a natural spiritual aptitude – they tend to consider the gospel more readily. We are doing well in new areas reaching women. And this year, we have had a break through reaching older people (men and women). What a wonderful completion to this harvest – to reach young men for the sake of Christ! I ask you to pray for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit among men in India. If our Lord delays his coming, may we see an even greater harvest!

For Jesus' sake, Tom

News From Around The World

CUBA----Evangelist Michael Householder recently served as a professor for the Cuba Bible Institute [CBI is directed by Dr. Don Ott, Board Chairman of White Fields]. Michael reports a good attendance and participation by the students of the Institute. Michael also reports 44 baptisms the past 3 months in the Cuba Christian Churches.

NIGERIA, AFRICA----White Fields Evangelist Joseph Adenyi, minister reports that the Lord blessed with 150 souls won to Christ and baptized into His name during the past 12 months.

BULGARIA-----Elena Fileva reports: Here, from one week we are under big snow and cold. Never have so cold winter like this one . Everything is frozen, we have ice in the kitchen, in the room where the children sleep. We move 5 of us in one room and try to heat , living, eating, sleeping there. The schools are close 3 days , they cannot heat them. Same people die of the cold. Lou and Patsy read and saw my photo on facebook for our situation here, temperature and send us money for this month for more food and heat. Its miracle for us because this electricity bills will be double and we still cannot get warm.

On Saturday im going to speak on women meeting in the church, I pray God to encourage the women. Also in the church we will have first wedding. We are happy for that.

SIERRE LEONE----White Fields Evangelist Mike Foday reports: Praise the Lord I came safely from Sierra Leone on the 25th January.13 lost souls were baptized, saved and added to the church in Sierra Leone during my visit.

PRISON CHURCH IN CUBA----Evangelist Mario Manship is White Fields Prison Minister in Cuba. He writes: We need to take pray for several prisoners who will be released soon to return home to their own nation..They are of the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Honduras, Bolivia, Colombia and Jamaica. Their first work will be to preach the gospel and to open new churches, because they are Christian Church members here in jail and they want to propagate the New Testament doctrine..

HAITI-----White Fields Evangelist Moise Deshommes writes: last week there were 12 souls who accepted Jesus and were baptized into Him. Praise God

GAMBIA----White Fields Evangelist Benson Cole writes: Thank God as two men join us today. I have been feeling sick with cold. this is because am sleeping on the cold ground, and the cold is much through the windows. I ask you all to pray for me.. Good night. **[Please pray that God will provide a sponsor for Benson Cole. He needs \$75 per month.]**

Reflections On India By Heather Lawrence



This January, my dad, Ken Lawrence, and I were privileged to be a part of the White Fields team in Southeast India. It was amazing seeing God at work and observing the Indians respond to the gospel.

There is a definite hunger for the Word. I kept contrasting the Indian responses with America. Yes, I know several Americans who are genuine Christians; who strive to live by His word. But let's face it, proclaiming ourselves Christians in America doesn't affect us the way it does Indians. We have yet to face persecution like they do.

I think of the birthday "party" at which my dad was asked to speak from the Word. It was in a tiny one room apartment on the fourth floor of government housing in Chennai. The rest of the party included singing praises and prayer. How many 14-year-olds in America would give up a day that is "all about me"? This girl had no such expectations; later accepting Jesus as Lord – the ultimate gift!

Two women came and requested prayer after my dad preached in the slums of Chennai. These were also government housing, tiny two-story apartment complexes built on top of marshy bogs, where mosquitoes rule. These women were asking for prayer because when they became Christians their Hindu husbands left them and their children to fend for themselves. One of the men has remarried because under Hindu law, divorce proceedings aren't necessary - Christian women are considered dead.

The favorable responses from the crowds in the villages were astounding. It was great to witness eagerness to be baptized. In one village they had to be told, "Only one at a time!"

We were blessed to minister in different areas during our trip: the hard soil in the slums of Chennai, and the "plowed ground" of villages. These experiences underscored to me being a Christian is truly a team effort. We need the encouragement of others. We need the prayers of others. And we need to be praying for and encouraging others! I also learned the process of bringing a single soul to the Lord is never a one-man show. God wants us to humbly depend on him and each other.

Meeting my Christian brothers and sisters in India was a wonderful experience that strengthened my walk with God. Serving Jesus alongside my Dad is a life-long memory.

A Tale Of Two Giri's

Giri is a common name in South India (pronounced Geer-ee, and roll the 'r' a little for good measure). This account is about two very uncommon men who have the same name.

Uday Kumar, one of our key leaders in Andhra Pradesh state, determined last year that he would hire non-Christian drivers to transport American preachers and Indian co-workers. His strategy was "to have a captive audience;" the driver would have to listen to the gospel preached many, many times during his tenure with our team.

Last year, I was in the second wave of preachers who came to Uday's territory. Giri, our driver had been listening to the gospel. The word of God was taking root in his heart. During my second day of meetings, both he and his wife were baptized! What a joy to participate in their conversions.

This year, he was again one of our drivers. Yet, this time, Giri had a higher goal than simply to earn a living. He was actively participating with our Indian evangelists! After parking the vehicle at an appropriate place in the village, he would go down the lanes and from house to house inviting people to come to the meeting. He stood with our co-workers at the perimeter, singing, praying and anticipating responses to the gospel.

I took time at the end of our daily schedule to teach the preachers. We spent our time dealing with resisting temptation, overcoming sinful habits and living in purity. Giri participated in those meetings, too. One day he surprised me by letting me listen to a recording of my seminar – recorded on his cell phone! Is this young man serious about his faith? I would answer with an unqualified, "yes!" WF evangelist Drew Mentzer even had the opportunity of preaching in Giri's home village where he met his mother and brother.

What a privilege it is to observe the gospel take root and bear fruit in a year's time. No question about it, Jesus changes lives!

Allow me to introduce you now to a second Giri. This young man met us at the village of a scheduled tribe, the Yanadi. There are over a thousand tribes in India, each with their own language and religion. They are able to speak and do business in the local dialect, too (in this instance, Telugu). The tribe is conversant in Hinduism and they often do a mixture of religions – just to cover their bases. The Indian government pays special both in keeping records and in assistance (hence the term 'scheduled tribe'). From what I can gather so far, the population of the tribe is just under 1,000. They live in approximately four villages in close proximity to one another. On January 22, we arrived in a tribal village to preach the gospel. Our co-workers had been active there for some time, explaining the greatness of Jesus and that he ought to be worshiped as the only God. Forty-five people responded to the message and were baptized that



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day. We walked about a quarter of a mile, even crossing railroad tracks, to find a pond suitable to perform the baptisms.

This is where the saga of Giri becomes very compelling. This young man was on crutches because one of his legs is malformed and his foot is twisted and useless. He is a stocky man, in his mid-twenties. He responded to the gospel with joy. Later, I learned that he was not a member of the Yanadi tribe, but had heard that we were coming and traveled to the village on his own for the opportunity to hear the gospel. He even brought a garland of his own to greet

me. Giri walked the full distance to the pond, on crutches. As we approached the pond, the ground grew softer, to the point that his crutches (the rubber tips had worn off long ago) began sinking in the mud, and his travel came to a halt about 20 yards from the water. I encouraged our co-workers to come along side of him and let him put his arms over their shoulders; but Giri refused their help and continued to struggle with his crutches.

Seeing that this exercise in futility would end in frustration, I walked over to Giri and motioned for him to put his arm over around my neck. Due to our height difference, I had to bend my knees quite a bit; but the plan worked. We walked together to the side of the pond. As I was checking with Indian co-workers to find some help for Giri to proceed into the water, he grabbed the initiative. What an inspiring sight; he was crawling into the pond on both hands and his one good leg! It was a long crawl to arrive in water deep enough to immerse, but he steadfastly worked until he arrived. There he was buried and raised with our Lord! And then, his Christian brothers carried him to shore and dry ground.

This experience was at the same time: humbling, encouraging, exhilarating and challenging. Giri was bound and determined to cross distance, railroad tracks and mud to be baptized, even if it meant crawling into a pond. No excuses; wholeheartedly pursuing Jesus.

Please pray for both of our brothers named Giri. May the Lord continue to bless them with spiritual growth and with opportunities to bring honor and glory to Jesus.

For Jesus' sake, Tom



The One Sheep ~ Her Name Is Rajam

How powerful are Jesus' words on the subject of the value of one soul. You and I have read them many times. It is part of one of my preferred sermons in India. ***"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"*** (Luke 15:4)

On Saturday, January 28, I learned that we had a special stop to make very early in the morning. John, a Christian and friend of E. K. Duriraj (our WF partner) requested that we go with him to the home of his in-laws and there share the gospel with his mother-in-law. Rajam was actually step-mother, a Hindu and about 75 years old.

We arrived at their thatched-roofed hut around 7 AM and were greeted at the door by John's father-in-law. He was so deaf that John had to shout directly into his ear to communicate. "Dad" welcomed us in. A ministry couple, co-workers of E.K.'s, went back into the kitchen area to meet and greet Rajam. Her son-in-law had brought gifts (including a new sari – common Indian dress) and explained the purpose of our visit.

Soon, Rajam came into the main room (living and bed room – the whole hut was about 30 x 10 – good sized for an Indian village) and sat down. It was now my turn. I explained to her that I felt honored to be welcomed into her home, a total stranger and a foreigner. I made note of the gifts that her son-in-law had brought, and told her that I had also brought one for her – the absolute best gift.

From that point, I related some accounts from the life of Jesus, including: the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, driving out evil spirits and how Jesus was a great teacher. I explained carefully how Christ was betrayed, rejected and crucified. That his death was undeserved – but that we deserved the punishment. Of course, the resurrection closed that section.

Then I told Rajam, "Jesus is willing to forgive and welcome into his home people who are willing to commit their lives to him. I would like to tell you briefly how you can give your life to Jesus, if you are willing to listen." Taking a deep breath, I could only hope that she would respond favorably. And she did! I explained carefully her need to believe, repent (including turning from idolatry to Jesus), confess, be baptized 'just like Jesus was,' and live faithfully. Not only did she listen carefully; Rajam responded willingly. (A neighborhood friend had been in the house for most of my presentation. I asked him if he was willing to follow Jesus. He expressed some interest, but said, "Not now." I encouraged him to not put the decision off too long.) We drove with her about a quarter of a mile to the village pond, where she confessed Christ and was baptized for the remission of her sins. An added bonus; now she and her husband were united in Christ!

"Rejoice with me, I have found Jesus' lost sheep!"

