

## FEED ORISSA

*An update by Mr. A. Philip Bishoyi*

Dear Good Samaritans,

By your help, many wounded by the thief, have been restored to health and are back on their job. Some are still in the inn, recovering. They thank you, because you have taken the time to stop by, apply oil and wine, bind their wounds and put them in the inn. You have also paid for their stay in the inn. But for your help, many would have died of negligence.

Some of our TB patients who came to us in a very pathetic state are in the pink of health now. You will be excited to know that we have completed the treatment of 300 TB patients. All glory to God. The occasion was celebrated on the 24th of March, the International Day of Tuberculosis.

The month of December is the happiest month for every Christian of any denomination all over the world. We celebrated Christmas in 25 villages. Above 1100 people heard the message of Christmas—many for the first time. We took part in the Christmas lunch in a few villages. The Kholabahal people testified that it was their first Christmas without country liquor and contention. On seeing us one boy ran to announce in the village, “The Halleluiah people have come!” In Khermeli village, worship service is being conducted in Mr. Nirupama Suna’s house. He has donated



**Christmas in a village**

us a piece of land to build a Church. In Bhamanipatna, 22 accepted the Lord during the Christmas programme.

We had a very profitable time with Mr. & Mrs. Biswanath Samal whom we had invited for the Staff Retreat, January 2005. Mr. Collet, our good friend and wellwisher in Diptipur was struck by a truck and died on the spot. Pray for the bereaved.

Over the past four years, congregations have sprung up in 32 villages. Praise the Lord! Therefore we have decided to purchase a two-wheeler. We feel we should go in for our own Centre. Pray with us for God’s guidance.

It is a great encouragement that nearly 40 people gather once a month in our center to pray for Revival and Evangelism.



**Bishop C. K. Das dedicating the Computer**

If this continues, the drops that are now falling will give way to mighty showers. Our new LG Computer was installed and Rt. Rev. C. K. Das, the Bishop of Sambalpur diocese, was kind enough to dedicate it and bless the occasion.

Thomas Livingstone has formed 15 Self Help Groups so far. Each group has 20 members and hence 300 women are benefited. Maa Santhosini Mahila group has been given Rs. 10,000/- loan to start rice business. These women earn not less than Rs. 20/- per day. Livingstone’s target



**Maa Santhosini Mahila group**

for the year is 100 groups. He has got streams of adrenaline running in his blood! Pray for the medical camp he is planning in April.

We interviewed eleven candidates and selected four to work in the project. They had to write a test, face a grilling interview and do some field work, before they could be chosen. So Mr. & Mrs. Sunial, Dinesh and Jasobanthi joined in March.

We conducted a Blessing Festival in Gutherpalli village. 200 attended. Daya Sagar film was screened in the night. People enjoyed the meetings thoroughly especially because the main speaker delivered the messages in Sambalpuri, the village dialect. Though we received threats, the Lord sent His angels and protected us.

Our Bargarh meeting was attended by around 200 people. Mr. Lima and Mr. Manas Ranjan were introduced as BYM representatives. Both the families are a great support to us.

Thank you Ida Scudder School (Vellore), Dr. Chellam Kirubakaran (Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet), Christ Church (Singapore), Miss Helen Yesurathinam (Saudi Arabia) for the big parcels of old clothes. Every year we give these used clothes for our tribal congregation for Christmas. Last year we felt they deserve a set of new clothes and spent rupees one lakh for the purpose, for Saura believers alone. This year for Christmas we would

like to bless the new Christians in another area. Please remember them. We have enough and more. It is time to think about our less fortunate brothers and sisters. We also need plenty of clothes. Kindly collect and send to R. Christopher Gnanaseelan, Maa Mangala Complex, Gopabandhu Nagar, Near Gurudwar, Jeypore 764001, Orissa. Tel: 06854-232093.

We are able to go ahead with our plans as the Lord guides because you are pushing your currency into our pockets. God's work done in God's time in God's way will never lack God's support. So far you have sent about 80 lakhs towards relief and we have spent around 60 lakhs. Pray for us that we will keep our hands clean and be wise stewards of God's money. The work is expanding. That means more expenses. Please contact your friends for partnership in the project. Last time we had addressed you as, "Dear fellows in the ship." We received a letter, "Can we also get into the ship?" Why not? There is plenty of space for you and your friends. Come along. The fields to be harvested are vast. The night is soon approaching. Let's put our shoulders together and get on the job.

You folks do amazing work and it is an honor to work in partnership with you. Thank you and good cheer to you all. b

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